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Remembering Kent Servis - Our Colleague And Friend

THE STAFF OF THE ADVERTISER NEWS was shocked and saddened when we arrived at work early Thursday morning, July 27th, to the news about the sudden death of our outdoor writer, Kent Servis of Feeding Hills.

Kent was a great friend of the great outdoors and was admired by many for his tenacious advocacy of the environment. Of course, Kent was well-known throughout the community for his efforts as a member of the Agawam Town Council.

Perhaps "An Irish Blessing," read at Kent's

funeral on Saturday morning, July 29th, expresses how we feel about our dear friend - "May the road rise to meet you. May the wind be always at your back. May the sun shine warm upon your face, the rains fall softly on your fields, and until we meet again, May God hold you in the palm of His hand."

News Editor Kathy Cassanelli and Town Council President Robert Magovern each offer a tribute to Kent in our Editorial Section, and a few readers expressed their feelings about him as well in "Letters To The Editor."

School Committee Modifies Job Title - Rejects Advice Of Administration

A.D.'s Job At Agawam High School Source Of Rift At Meeting

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

Miffed at both the procedure and the content of school administrators' plan to revamp and fill the position left vacant by the appointment of Agawam High School Athletic Director Kathleen McSweeney as deputy principal, the School Committee may have themselves muddled the procedural waters with the action taken at a special meeting on Tuesday night.

Casting the two dissenting votes on an amended version of the school superintendent's recommendation, School Committeewomen Linda Galarneau and Susan Pettazzoni believe the 4-2 vote shows a lack of regard for the expert advice they are paying for from the superintendent, the assistant superintendents, the athletic director and their attorney, and may have created legal stumbling blocks in the search for a new athletic director. Committeewoman Roberta Doering was absent.

Exasperated with the committee's action, Mrs. Galarneau asked, "Why are we paying all these people if we're not going to listen to them?"

At issue was the committee's decision to modify the job title and responsibilities of the athletic director's position after being told by both Superintendent Frank Ameruso and Associate Superintendent Donald Charest that the School Department attorney had advised them there may be legal problems unless the committee first votes to abolish the position (and then votes to create a new position as outlined in the agenda for the special meeting).

But, School Committee Chairman (Mayor) Richard A. Cohen defended the committee's action, saying any legal issues would be dealt with through impact

bargaining with the union as specified in the wording of the amendment proposed by School Committeewoman Teresa Kozloski and seconded by member Susan Dawson.

"I don't believe any thing was done illegally," Cohen said. "The motion was made and seconded and nobody withdrew it. It was the committee's decision to go ahead and vote on the motion."

Just before the vote was taken, Charest told the committee, "You don't have the right to modify and change a position without (collective) bargaining."

But, Cohen later said the key is that was merely the opinion of the School Department attorney. "That doesn't say that was the (only) way to do it," Cohen said.

The target of withering criticism from member Teresa Kozloski and Mrs. Pettazzoni for going ahead with redefining the position of director of athletics, health and physical education (without the approval of the committee and then posting and advertising the job), Ameruso acknowledged their finding fault with his process and urged the committee to consider his recommendations on their merits.

Quoting from the School Committee's policy "bible," Mrs. Pettazzoni said, "The School Committee is the only one who can abolish a position. Also, before a new position is created, the superintendent will present a job description to the committee."

Noting that the position has been under review by school administrators for over a year and a half, Mrs. Kozloski said, "If you felt a need for a change, you would have had ample time to sit down with the com-

mittee and discuss it. We're not a rubber stamp."

Citing his July 11th letter to the committee, Ameruso pointed out his clear acknowledgment of the need for the committee's approval of his proposal and his assertion that no appointment would be made without that approval. Knowing that he would be on vacation for two weeks, Ameruso said his actions were taken for the economy of time, pending School Committee approval.

Under the terms of a proposal put together by Ameruso, Charest, Assistant Superintendent Mary Czajkowski and Ms. McSweeney, the position of director of athletics, health and physical education would have been abolished and the responsibilities of the job would have been split between a director of athletics and student activities, a physical education academic coordinator and a liaison teacher. An academic coordinator for health education was appointed two years ago to reflect changes in the state's education frameworks, Ameruso said.

Ms. Czajkowski said the administrative team met extensively to work out the details of their plan. With a physical education curriculum in place for grades K-12 and a graduation requirement for four years of physical education at the High School, Ms. Czajkowski said, "Physical education is the only subject area that doesn't have an academic coordinator and we felt it warranted a position as coordinator and a liaison teacher to meet with me and the other coordinators at our monthly meetings."

But, the School Committee ultimately rejected the

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idea of relieving the athletic director of the responsibility of overseeing physical education, opting instead to add the new responsibilities of director of student activities.

The committee rejected the idea of creating a 10 month position as director of athletics and student activities with a salary range of \$48,000 to \$53,000 and modified the existing position to become director of physical education, athletics and student activities as a 12 month position with the salary as it currently exists in the contract, starting at \$61,000. (In effect, adding to the responsibilities of the position rather than relieving the burden on the athletic director.)

After 10 years in a job where she expected to divide her time equally between athletics, physical education and health education, Ms. McSweeney found that she was spending 80 percent of her time on athletics, 15% on physical education and 5 percent on health education in the current 12 month position.

After outlining her belief that the new position of director of athletics and student activities would better meet the needs of students, coaches, and student athletes, Ms. McSweeney said, "This proposal will make the position more manageable. I believe putting

student activities with athletics makes sense (because) we use the same facilities and it allows for coordination and communication in scheduling. I implore you not to add to the position. I implore you to make this a 10 month position."

Mrs. Kozloski said she did not want to see any changes in a "great program" that has been working for many years, but she would support adding student activities to the job.

Both Mrs. Galarneau and Mrs. Pettazzoni said they could have supported the superintendent's original proposal (with some changes) if the committee had used the procedure suggested by their attorney.

Among their areas of concern were a provision for evaluating the position after a year to make any changes the committee felt necessary; upping the salary or adding workdays on a per diem basis, and the restoration of a mileage allowance.

Cohen believes there is a consensus among committee members to add a liaison teacher for physical education to alleviate the additional demands created by adding student activities to the new position.

Ameruso said he will post and advertise the new position.

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FireWise...

The Importance Of Fire Lanes

by Fire Chief David Pisano

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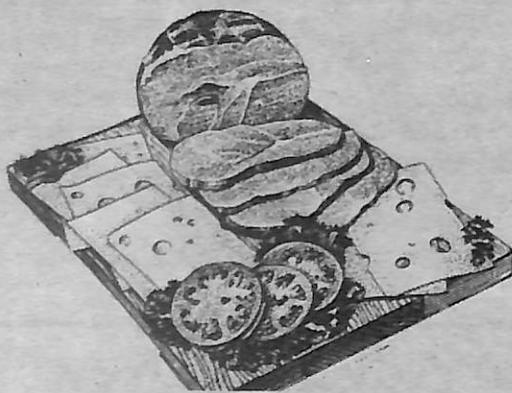
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Letters To The Editor

A Very Gentle Man Named Kent Servis

To The Editor:

It was an unusually cold, you might say downright miserable, day at the Mawaga Club's annual fishing derby this year. I was there with my son, who lasted longer than I thought he would, before sneaking away to curl up in the car.

I noticed a fisherman to my left who wasn't having much luck, either, but who, like me, was staying to the bitter end in hopes of snagging the big one. Out of curiosity, I called to him just to get his thoughts on the day. A friendly, familiar face poked out from under the yellow slicker and said, "At least I'm giving it a good try, Gary."

At his funeral on Saturday, Kent's sister-in-law, in her eulogy, suggested we all think of our favorite memory of him to help sustain us. Mine is of the friendly fisherman, who always tried his best to do the right thing for his family and for our town. A man who ran for the top office, didn't win, but then had the courage to run again for the council, and thankfully, won his seat back.

Kent Servis was, like one of his beautiful floating lures, unsinkable. His calm demeanor and his wisdom on the council, as well as his fishing advice in The Agawam Advertiser, will all be missed. I can't help think, though, that God has provided him with that little cabin on a beautiful, well-stocked lake, and maybe a few good ol' fishing buddies to keep him company.

So long, for now, my friend. Hopefully, we'll go fishin' again someday.

**Gary Winn
Feeding Hills**

Filling Kent Servis' Seat - Not His Shoes

To The Editor:

Agawam has lost a fine, public servant and City Councilor, Kent Servis. The town will miss his wise counsel and commitment to the town and its people.

The City Council is now faced with filling Kent's seat. It cannot fill his shoes, but it can select a person who will bring his or her talents to bear on the issues facing our town.

The fairest way of filling this vacancy is to choose the person who finished 12th in the council race last November. That person is Mr. John Negrucci, a former councilor and member of the Board of Health. John finished just four votes behind Kent, indicating a similar level of support among the voters.

He submitted his qualifications to the voters and just narrowly missed being elected to serve on the council.

I hope that the members of the City Council will choose Mr. Negrucci, and I urge other citizens to contact their councilors and ask that they choose John to serve us.

**Thank you,
Ernestine M. Book
Agawam**

"AFS" Thanks Local Families & Businesses

To The Editor:

I would like to thank the following people and businesses, who recently donated their time, services, products or facilities for our recent "AFS" Bus Stop. (Which, by the way, was another great success!!)

First and foremost, all of our "Host Families," without whom this bus stop wouldn't have been possible... you all know who you are... our deepest, most sincere thanks!

Ric Sardella/Agawam Advertiser News; Capt. Charles Leonard House; Mr. Stanley Chmielewski,

Sr.; Ms. Laura Cincotta/Cincotta Farms; D.J. Tome Melbourne/Music Box Prods.; Games and Lanes; King Ward Bus Co.; Mr. Dean O'Keefe/Six Flags New England; Twin Silos (golf); Perry Lane Park; and V.F.W. Post (South Street - Agawam)

Thank you again for your time, homes and help in hosting our "AFS-Bus Stop" 2000! If I have forgotten anyone... my apologies!

We have all make a "world" of difference!

**Sincerely,
Karen A. Asta-Ferrero,
Co-Vice President, Agawam Chapter - A.F.S.**

Ziegert Golf Tournament Comm. Thanks Community

To The Editor:

Sunday, July 16th, the ninth Annual Lisa M. Ziegert Memorial Golf Tournament was held at the Agawam Municipal Golf Course. The annual picnic was held immediately after at the Polish American Club.

What a wonderful day! The weather cooperated, the golfers and picnic-goers seemed to have a great time, and the children's raffle made the day extra special for everyone! Seeing those smiles and the excitement on the children's faces let us know exactly why we were there and why we do this every year. Lisa would be so pleased!

A day like this does not come about without a lot of hard work and organization. We would like to thank those that made this day possible:

- The golfers - many who come to golf every year.
- The sponsors of the tees, greens, and specials (closest to the pin, etc.)
- The businesses that placed ads in the program (a first book for us and very successful)
- All those who donated raffle prizes for the children's and the adult raffles.
- Ric Sardella and the staff of The Agawam Advertiser for their support and coverage for the past eight years.
- Ron Dunn and the staff at the golf course. They are always so helpful and Ron's favorite statement this year became, "Don't worry, Dee!"
- Polish American Club and its members, especially Janice Barako, who gave us so much help and guidance!
- Rich of Pro Litho for his donation of the printing of the program book.
- Doug Reed of DJ Sound Productions for donating his time and equipment and for being a friend.
- Mayor Richard Cohen for his support and for joining us for the picnic.
- Former Mayor Christopher Johnson for having the foresight to make the Agawam Municipal Golf Course what it is today and for his years of support.
- Rick Brignoli and his wife, Donna, for laying the groundwork and for running the tournament for seven years. We could never really appreciate what they did until this year.
- All the volunteers: Keena, Lorri, Marilyn, Melissa, Mickey, Natalie, and Sheila, who graciously did whatever they were asked and even offered to come back

next year.

Special thanks to the committee, the first one we've had in several years. They all worked so hard. Under the able leadership of Mark Rogerson, meetings started in March (on Lisa's birthday). With ideas flowing, the program book, new signs, a new logo, and other new directions came into being. Thank you all for the time, effort, and love you put into this.

The day was enhanced by the presence of Chris Holl, a fine young man who made the courtyard at the Middle School his project for earning the rank of Eagle Scout. He brought the book of pictures showing the work in progress from start to finish.

Also in attendance were four of the five scholarship recipients for 2000. Stephanie Ceccarini, Nichole Chapman, Lynn Hopkins, and Mary Manning received their scholarship checks. Kaitlin White was unable to attend, but her parents accepted the scholarship on her behalf. This gave the golfers an opportunity to see the wonderful young people they are supporting.

We hope that everyone who came to the picnic had as wonderful a day as we did. It was wonderful to see everyone there. The continuing love and support we receive from all of you keeps us going.

Finally, we thank Lisa for the beautiful day and for being part of our lives for the time we were allowed with her. The memory of her smile keeps us going!

**Thank you all,
Lisa's Family -
George, Dee, Lynne, Mark, Sharon
Seong, David & Dannah**

Hope to see you all next year on July 15th!!

Thanks To All Who Helped Make Concert A Success

To The Editor:

Thank you, thank you, thank you to everyone who made this past weekend's "Battle of the Bands" such a success. Last Saturday, July 29th, eight area high school bands competed for prizes at the Agawam High School from 12:00 noon to 6:00 p.m. Nearly 300 people of all ages attended and enjoyed themselves at this day-long event.

Mayor Richard A. Cohen was instrumental in implementing this event. Without his initiative, aid, and generosity, the Battle of the Bands never would have happened. Thank you, Mayor Cohen, for supporting and endorsing this first annual event.

Nearly \$1,000 in donations from the Agawam Cultural Council, LaSalle Music, The Warehouse, Grimaldi's Crystal Ice & Fuel, Parotta's, Hastie Fence, Walnut St. Dry Cleaners, Rackliffe, UBU, E.B.'s, and Agawam Opticians allowed us to hold this first annual event. This money, combined with ticket sales and concessions, made it possible to raise over \$600 for the building of a new skate park here in town and \$300 for the AHS sophomore class.

Special thanks go to our ticket-takers, Frank Meagher and Bill Beaudry; concession staff, Alan Cohen, Sue Longtin, Aimee Beaudette, Kristen Stroll, Nick Moretti, and Dave Biena; judges, Justin Casinghino, Nick Lee, and Justin Gorman. Also,

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On Local Politics...

by Richard Sardella
Editor/Publisher

Tuckahoe Turf Farms Going Behind Closed Doors

In the 27 days (July 7th) since the 290 acre Tuckahoe Turf Farm was discussed in this space, the interest owed to local developer Ralph Depalma sits at \$11,178. That's \$414 per day, times the 27 days.

So, by the time the Town Council meets in executive session to discuss what is happening with Tuckahoe Turf Farm on Monday, August 7th, another \$1,656.00 in interest will have accrued.

Back in 1999, Depalma and Tuckahoe Development Corporation won a six year court battle being waged against the town over the town's eminent domain taking of these 290 pristine acres in June 1993. The town paid \$1.1 million for the land. Depalma's group had signed a purchase and sale agreement to buy the turf farm from Tuckahoe Turf Farms, Inc., and Lakeland Land Investment Company on February 5th, 1993, and was scheduled to close on the property in August of that year. After losing the property to the town, Depalma then instructed his lawyers to bring the town to court, and the six-year court fight climaxed when a jury said the sale price of the land was vastly undervalued and was actually worth \$2.5 million. Depalma was owed \$1.4 million, plus interest, putting the price tag at \$3.4 million and counting (because the town continues to appeal the case in a higher court).

From January 1st through August 3rd, 2000, the interest has mushroomed. Another (approximately) \$89,424.

As previously stated in this space, the wisdom of maintaining these beautiful 290 acres as open space and away from housing, etc., is not being questioned. Why, in 2000, paying \$2.5 million for this land seems to be a good deal. Maintaining open space in our town certainly is a quality of life issue that will affect

A Piece of My Mind...

Remembering Kent

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

I can't pretend to have known him well. But, my relationship with Kent Servis was complicated. At The AAN we were colleagues. In the political arena we were reporter and candidate or town councilor.

A consummate professional, Kent never allowed either relationship to color the other. But, given our small town atmosphere, it was inevitable that the two relationships would occasionally overlap a bit-as happened the last time I bumped into Kent.

We were both at the Mayor's Office. He was on his way in. I was on my way out.

I told him I considered myself officially on vacation as of that moment even though my family and I would not begin our camping trip until the following day. When I joked that my husband would probably not be breaking his decades-long record of catching no fish - more accurately no "keepers"- in local waters, Kent immediately offered to rectify the situation.

"We can't have that continue," Kent said. "When you get back, I'll take him out on the river and I guarantee he'll catch fish."

And he would have, too. That is how I will remember my colleague Kent, the outdoorsman. Ready to offer his time and his expertise to help a guy he's never even met.

I will remember Councilor Servis as a candidate and a town councilor who was on the side of the little guy. Just recently Kent fought to ensure tobacco shop owners would not fall through the cracks of the smoking ban ordinance. Before that, he was in favor of the Berkshire Power referendum. And before that, he was on the side of a taxpayer who tried to get a refund from the town when he discovered too late that a mistake had been made on his tax bill.

Kent was always a champion for the right of the citizens to be heard -and heeded - by their government. His passing should not prove an occasion for cronyism and redeeming political markers. Town council alone has the authority to appoint someone to serve out the remainder of Kent's term in office. They are not obligated by the charter or by statute to choose the runner-up in the last election, but I believe they are obligated by a moral imperative to do the right thing - the only fair thing. Regardless of who is next in line or next after that or after that.

In November, the people determined where the candidates for Town Council ranked. The top eleven candidates sat on the council until last week. Now one is gone, but the people's choice is still on the record.

Kent listened to the people. I hope Town Council takes a short walk in his shoes before trying to fill them next Monday night.

Listen to the people. They spoke in November with their votes. When it comes time to vote on filling Kent Servis' seat, the council need only look to the November 2nd election results to come up with his successor.

As many of you may remember, I was quite literally out of the loop during the fall election and for some time afterward. So, I don't even really know who finished 12th or 13th or 14th or whatever. Of course I could find out if I needed to know. I could just call the town clerk's office to get that information. But, I don't need it. The councilors are the ones who need it. I hope they make that call.

It's the right thing to do.

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thank you to many town employees who made this event possible.

Congratulations to all the bands who competed

and to Agawam's Melodious Culture for winning the event, and thank you once again to all who attended.

Sincerely,
Christopher M. Sparks
Director of Parks & Recreation

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generations to come.

The town could also utilize some of those acres at Tuckahoe for a purposes such as much-needed baseball fields, soccer fields, and a public park (and there are certainly others as well).

However, the final price tag for this and where the town stands with its appeals case is what prompted some members of the Town Council to seek answers from the administration in the scheduled closed session this Monday night. Four councilors, Anthony C. Bonavita, Gina-Marie Letellier, Robert Rossi, and President Robert Magovern, spoke out publicly at the July 6th council meeting about their concerns about Tuckahoe Turf Farm.

"I am seeking a clear and specific game plan about Tuckahoe Turf Farm," Bonavita said Tuesday night, nearly a month later. "I have very few answers at this time and I am looking for a specific assessment of this case," added Bonavita, himself an attorney.

Magovern added, "I would like to see this case resolved. It hasn't moved as far as the Town Council is aware of for over a year. I do not wish to interfere with the negotiations and do not wish to tie the Mayor's hands. But this can go on for a long time and the only winners are the lawyers," he noted, referring to the fact the town has run up legal bills with an outside law firm who has been acting as legal counsel on the town's behalf concerning Tuckahoe Turf Farm.

Follow the money. Obviously, what's making everyone nervous is the money awarded to Depalma and how it rapidly builds and builds as the appeals process in the courts moves at a snail's pace. Moreover, there is a deep concern about whether the town can actually win this case. One councilor said off the record, "It's a crap shoot," although he said he was referring to what both sides are facing. On the town's side of the ledger, a "we're rolling the dice" mentality will only cultivate and encourage dissent - with the end game for the town being political turmoil.

It really isn't unreasonable for the council to be reassured that yes, the town is on solid legal ground here and yes, in the end, regardless of how long it takes, the town will eventually win and that the \$1.1 million paid for Tuckahoe Turf Farm was indeed a coup for everyone in Agawam. And yes, your concern (the council's) is appreciated but this is in the administration's court and do not believe what you (the council) have read in the newspaper about compounding interest on jury awards, etc., etc., etc. In the end, the town will win and columns written in the local newspaper on this subject are best used for fish wrap.

It appears that the above paragraph is not the widely-held one (except for maybe the bit about the fish wrap) and that's why there's plenty of deep worry and concern out there.

Perhaps some good news in this comes from the Massachusetts Department of Food and Agriculture. A few calls to the state said the town, because it now owns Tuckahoe Turf Farm, could resume its negotiations with the Dept. Food and Agriculture about a program called the "Agriculture Preservation Restriction." This is a program where the state buys development rights on agricultural land (that can be developed) for the purpose of maintaining it as open space.

The town and the state agency, according to what I was told, were in negotiations over a portion of acreage in Tuckahoe Turf Farm to be placed under this "Agriculture Preservation Restriction" (as a way for the town to recoup the original purchase price of \$1.1 million). But the town and state could not agree on the assessments of the value of the land. I was told the state was offering \$600,000 but the town sought more. Also, the state was concerned about the court case because the town did not have clear title to the land at that time. Of course, this is no longer the case.

Asked if this particular program could be revisited, the answer was YES because the file was still active, although it's been a while since there's been any further dialogue between the town and state.

A Word From The Council President...

by Robert Magovern
Agawam Town
Council President



The Loss Of A Good & Faithful Servant

Agawam is saddened by the loss of Kent Servis. The City Council has lost a good and faithful servant. The untimely death of Kent stops everyone in their tracks and causes them to reflect on their associations with Kent.

I first met Kent when he was council president. He was a man of character and even with a safe seat for reelection to the council, decided to challenge the status quo and run for mayor. During the campaign, he articulated much of his philosophy of why he wanted to be mayor. Although he was not successful in his bid for the post, he set his course clearly on his issues and ran a good campaign.

I got to know Kent better in the last four years. We would talk over a cup of coffee at Fran's to discuss some of his business plans or his latest fishing trip. No matter what we were talking about, the conversation always came back to Agawam and his desire to do more for the town.

When he ran for reelection to the City Council, I was happy to have him back. His experience from the past was always helpful. He was a man of honor and could always put himself above any personal issue. He was a good friend to many and always willing to take you out on the river and give you a wonderful time and a memorable experience. He was as proud of being the town's harbor master as he was being a councilor.

Kent Servis was truly a public servant who will be missed by all. To his wife, Margaret, I can only say how sorry I am for your loss. To his son, Todd, and his daughter, Colleen, you had a father you could be proud of. To his grandson, Patrick, when you are able to think back and question who your grandfather was, may he still be fresh in the minds of those he was close to and remembered by a town who will never forget his contributions.

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Keenan Announces American Dream Program

Representative Daniel F. Keenan is pleased to announce the Middle Class American Dream Program.

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For further information or to receive a mailing containing program guidelines, eligibility requirements and a list of participating lenders, please call or write: (617)-367-3900, ext. 230 or One Ashburton Place, 12th Floor, Boston, MA 02108.

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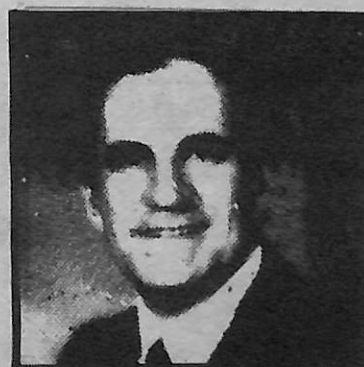
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A Piece of the News

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

PERMISSION SOUGHT FOR ENHANCING ROBINSON POND

Work Includes Handicapped Access

The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Management is asking the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for permission to discharge dredged and fill material from the pond at Robinson State Park to enhance the water quality. The proposed project also features beach improvements and accommodations for handicapped accessibility.

The plan to improve water quality in the pond includes the rehabilitation of the intermittent stream and the excavation of the accumulated sediments in the pond.

To provide handicapped access, a two-vehicle, paved parking lot is being proposed near the northern beach along with a stabilized sand path from the parking area to a landing area at the beach (where a seasonal rubberized mat is to be placed in the water for wheelchair access into the pond).

In addition to removing the existing sand from the beaches and replacing it with clean, washed sand, a small area near the northern beach will be regraded to redirect storm water and prevent continued washouts of the beach sand into the pond.

To stabilize the intermittent stream, topsoil will be applied; wetlands seed mix will be sown; a permanent erosion control blanket will be applied to 17,174 square feet of wetlands and 921 linear feet of the stream.

To improve the stream, two small stilling basins are proposed to allow for sediment removal; two culverts will be replaced to prevent washouts and flooding; riprap protection will be installed at the culverts; the parking lot will be resurfaced to direct storm water runoff into the water quality improvement swale.

In order to better evaluate the project, the Army

Corps of Engineers is encouraging the public to offer their opinions on the project. For more information on the project, contact (Mr.) Laurie H. Suda at (978) 318-8493 or, if calling from within Massachusetts, (800) 362-4367. The E-mail address is Laurie.H.Suda@usace.army.mil.

The deadline for submitting written comments is August 11th. The address is: Laurie H. Suda, US Army Corps of Engineers, New England District, 696 Virginia Road, Concord, MA 01742-2751.

COUNCIL GETS UPDATES ON SIX FLAGS TRAFFIC, BOWLES ROAD & RTE. 57, EMER- GENCY EVACUATION PLANNING

In response to queries from Town Councilor Dennis Perry, Chairman of the Council Traffic and Safety Committee, Mayor Richard A. Cohen recently sent a series of memoranda to the council giving details on the handling of Six Flags traffic, the status of the Bowles Road extension, the completion of Rte. 57, and emergency evacuation plans for Berkshire Power, Six Flags, and the Agawam Regional Industrial Park.

ROUTE 57

According to the State Highway Department, the project is at the 75 percent design phase. The consultants hired to prepare the design have been waiting for some time for comments from the state highway department before they can complete the design.

"Apparently, all highway projects are competing for very limited funding because of the Big Dig," Cohen said. "Even after the design is completed, construction monies will be difficult to obtain."

BOWLES ROAD EXTENSION

Despite the efforts of State Senator Linda Melconian in earmarking \$1 million in the Transportation Bond Bill specifically for the project, the town has not been able to get an answer to

repeated inquiries on the progress of the town's 1995 application for a Public Works Economic Development Grant.

"Unfortunately, there are usually more dollars worth of projects than funds in the Transportation Bond Bill," Cohen noted. "Even though obtaining state funding for Bowles Road and Route 57 is not encouraging, the town continues to contact the state for status reports and to encourage the completion of the projects," Cohen added.

SIX FLAGS TRAFFIC

Police Chief Robert Campbell, along with representatives from the police supervisors' union, the patrol officers' union, and the police safety committee meets with personnel from Six Flags every Wednesday to discuss traffic issues, problems, and how to resolve them.

At a recent meeting, it was decided that officers will be assigned on Saturday and Sunday to assist residents of Leland Avenue and South Park Terrace and a motorcycle officer will be assigned to patrol Route 57 and the ramps to help out as needed.

Cohen said the town has no legal authority to require Six Flags to hire police officers and that it the responsibility of Campbell to assign the officers.

"The town and Six Flags continue to work cooperatively in an effort to reach a consensus in resolving problems," Cohen said.

Cohen invited members of the Traffic and Safety Committee to participate in the weekly Wednesday meetings.

EMERGENCY EVACUATION PLANS

Under the terms of their agreement with the Zoning Board of Appeals, Berkshire Power is required to provide the town with a comprehensive evacuation plan.

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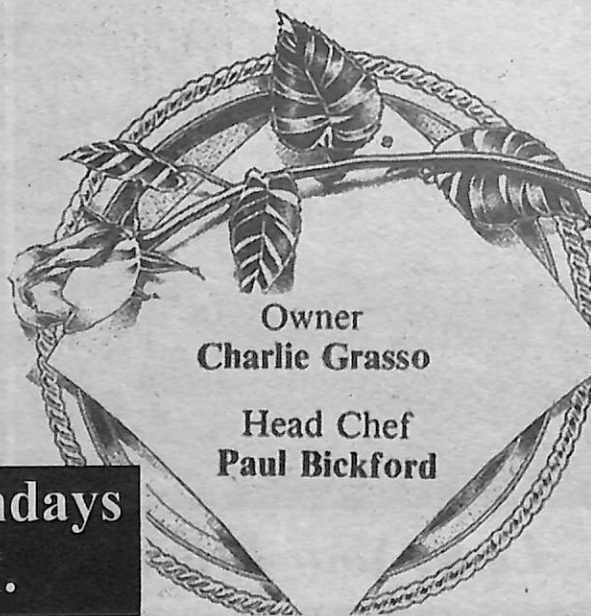
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However, the town is responsible for putting together an emergency plan, which may include evacuation routes, if it feels that a specific business or industry could be a hazard to the citizenry.

Such a plan "must be incorporated into the Community Action Plan," (CAP) according to Fire Chief David Pisano.

In separate memos to the Mayor, Pisano and Police Chief Robert D. Campbell point out that the CAP is the primary guide for public safety officials in dealing with a disaster within town borders. During any emergency situation, public safety officers would be operating under the Incident Command System, headed by the fire chief.

Pisano said the businesses in the industrial park are included in the plan on a case-by-case basis depending on "the particular hazards associated" with each business. Although Fisher Scientific has been designated a "site specific hazard" due to the quantity of flammable materials and hazardous chemicals stored on site, many of the businesses in the park are light industry, manufacturing and warehousing facilities and are not included in the CAP because they pose little threat to the community, according to Pisano.

"As changes in the park occur over time, the status of a business might change and require inclusion in the CAP," Pisano said.

Cohen said Six Flags has an internal evacuation plan dealing with the movement of people within the park and that an evacuation of the park would be handled under the CAP.

"I don't know what kind of emergency they could have at the park that would require an immediate evacuation, but evacuation plans are set in the Community Action Plan," Cohen said.

A copy of the CAP is available at the public library.

Keeping The Town's Links Green



THE GREENS MAINTENANCE CREW AT AGAWAM MUNICIPAL GOLF COURSE worked to get the course ready for the Massachusetts Public Links Qualifier Tourney on Tuesday, July 25th. The course is in better shape now than ever, and offers beautiful views from most of the tees and fairways. Pictured above are, from left, Michael Pessolano (groundskeeper), Dan Shay (superintendent), Jay Harvey (maintenance craftsman), Al Brown (groundskeeper), Dan DeGray (groundskeeper), and Jon Couture (groundskeeper). Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.

Agawam's New St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee

Interested Agawam residents have initiated the organization of this town's own, St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee.

This committee will be affiliated with the Holyoke Parade Committee and will work with area organizations and businesses to create and fund a marching

contingent and float for the Annual Parade in Holyoke.

The preparation for this event is a year-long process and may include picking a Colleen, picking award recipients of awards, designing, funding, and building a float.

Members need not be of Irish heritage. Any inter-

ested citizens may join this worthwhile and enjoyable committee.

Anyone interested in participating in this organization is urged to contact: Mike Tuckey - 789-9272; Bob Magovern - 786-0244; or Gerry O'Keefe - 786-2483.

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There May Be A Silver Lining In Recent Rain Clouds

by Kathy Shepard
Feature Editor

Randy White, Agawam's Board of Health agent, suggests there may be an unexpected benefit in the many rainy days we've been having lately in the area.

"The Culex Mosquito, which carries West Nile Virus, breeds in standing water, mainly in catch basins. As long as the rains continue, these waters are likely to stay in motion, keeping the larvae population down."

Although several citizens have asked for information, White told us, "Not many people have asked about spraying, which has its own risks."

As of Wednesday afternoon, August 2nd, the state laboratory had not reported any findings of West Nile Virus in several birds found near Heritage Hall Nursing Home on Cooper Street that were sent to the lab late last week. Jayne Smith, Agawam Health Inspector, added, "We are still waiting and alert, but at this point, we feel that no news is good news."

White concurred, explaining that the technicians at the state laboratory had worked right through the weekend and would most likely have called Agawam's Health Department (immediately) if any results were positive.

Agawam would most likely implement a plan to spray a larvaecide in the catch basins if absolutely necessary, but there are dozens of steps which can be taken to prevent the environmental conditions conducive for eggs to hatch, or even to be deposited, noted White.

The Culex Mosquito does not live in wetlands and swamps; it lives in catch basins along the sides of streets and roads, where water often stagnates. "It would be along the streets, in these catch basins, that any spraying would take place, if necessary," White said.

"The trucks shown on television spraying through neighborhoods are killing adult mosquitoes, but the treatment is very short-term and can be harmful to the health of certain members of the population. A 30-day treatment on the catch basins would prevent the larvae from becoming pupae, but prevention of mosquito bites is important, too," said White.



AGAWAM HEALTH INSPECTOR JAYNE SMITH (left) and Agawam Board of Health Agent Randy White are alert and ready to take action if any birds infected with West Nile Virus are reported. So far, there are none reported. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.

Fact sheets and a list of steps to prevent West Nile Virus Encephalitis are available at the Board of Health office and at the Agawam Public Library. The best prevention is to keep the mosquitoes from biting you by avoidance of outdoor activities between dusk and

dawn, if possible, because this is the time of greatest mosquito activity. Another suggestion is to fix any holes in your screens and make sure they are tightly attached to all your doors and windows.

When outdoors during the hours when mosquitoes are active, it's best to wear long-sleeved shirts and pants. Use of a mosquito repellent that contains DEET (the chemical N-N-diethyl-meta-toluamide) is mentioned, but people are reminded that it is poisonous if overused and to never use it on infants. Anyone prone to sensitivities, such as fragrance chemicals and solvents, should probably avoid this compound.

Since stagnant water is the best breeding ground for the mosquito larvae, said White, there are several ideas for ways to prevent any buildup of stagnant pools, puddles, or standing water. Some suggestions are to dispose of or regularly empty any metal cans, plastic containers, ceramic pots, and other water-holding containers (including trash cans) on your property. Another good idea is to clean clogged roof gutters, removing leaves and debris that may prevent drainage of water.

State health officials have continued to test hundreds of dead birds from many communities around the state, but as of July 31st, only two crows from the Boston area had tested positive and no cases have appeared from the western part of the state. The state will only accept dead crows for testing and will call only to report positive findings.

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West Nile Virus actually die. There is no known treatment A mild infection can cause fever, headache, and body aches, often accompanied by a skin rash and swollen lymph glands. More severe infections can cause headaches, high fever, neck stiffness, stupor, disorientation, coma, tremors, convulsions, paralysis, and death.

Doctors can treat the symptoms of the virus, and only about seven percent of those hospitalized from the infection die from it. The risk of getting West Nile Virus is greatest from late July through September. The Massachusetts Department of Public Health has had a long-standing program to look for another virus carried by mosquitoes, called Eastern Equine Encephalitis virus.

From May until the first frost, field staff from MDPH collect mosquitoes and bring them to the lab to be tested. This program will now be expanded to look for West Nile Virus throughout Massachusetts. Collections will increase and more sites will be sampled, a system that will be instituted to test dead birds for the virus, and the state lab will test for infection in horses and humans.

The Division of Epidemiology and Immunization's number is 617-983-6800 for questions about West Nile Virus and consultations for health care providers and hospitals on West Nile Virus. The Bureau of Environmental Health Assessment's number is 617-624-5757 for questions about health effects of pesticides.

Under the Massachusetts Department of Food and Agriculture, call the State Reclamation and Mosquito Control Board at 617-626-1781 for questions about regional mosquito control programs. Agawam's Board of Health is always willing to answer questions about health concerns, including West Nile Virus, at 786-0400, ext. 207.

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Melconian Announces Relief For The Sisters Of Providence

Senate Majority Leader, Linda J. Melconian (D-Springfield) is pleased to announce that the House and Senate have taken action on two measures that are vitally important for health care in Western Massachusetts: \$4.5 million dollars in Medicaid relief for the Sisters of Providence Health Care System and a study by the Attorney General of the health care market in the city of Springfield.

"The passage of these two measures begins to meet the short and long term needs of the Sisters of Providence and the health care system in Western Massachusetts," said Melconian.

"The Medicaid rate payments will remedy historical injustices in rate levels and help the Sisters of Providence continue to provide services while the Attorney General studies long-term solutions for health care in the city."

Two facilities in the Sisters of Providence Health Care Network, the Farren Care Center and the Center for Rehabilitation and Nursing Care, have been significantly underfunded by Medicaid for most of the last decade due to inadequate reimbursement of the facilities' costs.

The Farren Health Care Center is a residential care center in Turner Falls that care for individuals who are physically and mentally ill. It provides treatment for patients through a structured environment and in-depth behavioral plans when acute care facilities and state run psychiatric facilities are unable to manage these patient's unique physical and behavioral needs.

The center's mandate is to manage patients with significant mental illnesses while allowing them to live in the least restrictive environment. The center for Rehabilitation is a nusing home built on the site of the old West Springfield Nursing Home that provides comprehensive nursing and rehabilitation services.

"Because of their mission and the unique benefits these facilities provide, the Sisters of Providence, through Mercy Hospital, have long subsidized losses at these two sites," said Melconian.

"The current health care market does not allow them to continue this subsidy, and without the Sisters' support, both would likely have to close. It gives me great pleasure that the state is able to step up and protect the vulnerable and elderly in Western Massachusetts."

The legislation also requires that the Attorney General perform a comprehensive review of Springfield's health care market including an investigation of unfair and anti-competitive practices by insurers, dangers to Springfield's emergency care services, and the potential misuse of the assets by hospitals.

Possible avenues of inquiry include Health New England's refusal to contract with the Sisters of Providence Health care system and the danger posed to the city's emergency services if one of the city's two hospitals is closed.

"The Attorney General is an impartial fact finder who is ideally suited to resolve the competing claims of health care providers in Springfield," said Melconian.

"He has the power to investigate and prosecute illegal practices that may be keeping patients from accessing health care to which they are lawfully entitled."


Both these measures are contained in House Bill 5424, "An act making appropriations for the fiscal year 2000 to provide for supplementing certain existing appropriations and for certain other activities and projects."

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- Agawam Obituaries -

KENT P. SERVIS

Kent P. Servis, 53, of 48 Kathy Terrace, Agawam, a former City Council leader, died recently at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield.

He was elected a city councilor in 1995 and served as president of the Agawam City Council. He also was the city's assistant harbormaster and a mayoral candidate in 1997.

He was an outdoor sportswriter for Northeast Woods & Water magazine and The Agawam Advertiser News. He also taught science at John F. Kennedy Junior High School in Springfield for several years. He moved to Feeding Hills in 1979.

Born in Springfield, he was a 1965 graduate of the former Classical High School and received a bachelor's degree from American International College in 1969. He served in the Coast Guard Reserve.

He was an assistant harbormaster of the Springfield Yacht and Canoe Club, a member of the Lions Club and the Mawaga Sportsmen's Club, and an instructor for the Springfield Police Department scuba diving team.

He leaves his wife, the former Margaret Hosmer; a son, Todd, and a daughter, Colleen Servis, both of Agawam; and a grandson.

The funeral was at Colonial Forastiere Funeral Home, with burial in Hillcrest Park Cemetery, Springfield.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Diabetes Foundation, 1 Bromfield St. (fifth floor), Boston, MA 02108.

FELIX AUGUSTINO

Felix Augustino, 84, of 20 Garden St., Feeding Hills, died recently in Baystate Medical Center. Born in Agawam, he was a lifelong resident of Feeding Hills. He was a retired supervisor for many years for the Springfield Armory.

He was a 1933 graduate of Agawam High School and was on their varsity football team. He was a communicant of Sacred Heart Church.

He leaves his wife, the former Ann M. Librera; a daughter, Phyllis A. Lewis of Springfield; three grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. A son, Anthony D. Augustino, died in 1973.

The funeral was held at Agawam Funeral Home and in Sacred Heart Church, with burial in Springfield Street Cemetery. Donations may be made to the Visiting Nurse Foundation of Pioneer Valley, 50 Maple St., Box 9058, Springfield, MA 01102-9058.

EDWARD J. CLAUSS

Edward J. Clauss of 210 Cardinal Drive, Agawam, died recently in Mercy Hospital. Born in Cambridge, MA, the son of the late Louis and Julia (Bowen) Clauss, he lived in the Florence section of Northampton for many years.

He moved to Belchertown in 1977, and to Agawam in 1999. He was an x-ray technologist for the Veterans' Administration Hospital in Leeds for 30 years, retiring in 1975. He was a World War II Army Air Corp veteran.

He was a former communicant of St. Francis Church in Belchertown and a communicant of Sacred Heart Church in Feeding Hills. He was a volunteer with the Meals on Wheels program with the Belchertown Senior Center, and a volunteer at Mary Lane Hospital.

He leaves his wife of 57 years, the former Mary E. Mace; a son, Paul G. Clauss of Barnegat, New Jersey; two daughters, Julie M. McGovern of Great Barrington and Janet A. Parslow of Feeding Hills; nine grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

The funeral was at the Agawam Funeral Home and in Sacred Heart Church, with burial at the convenience of the family in St. Mary's Cemetery, Haydenville. Donations may be made to Sacred Heart Church, 1103 Springfield St., Feeding Hills, MA 01030.

ALLAN E. ELDRIDGE

Allan E. Eldridge, 71, formerly of Riviera Drive in Agawam, died recently at Vencor Hospital in St. Petersburg, Florida. He did machine maintenance at the former Premoid Co. (now Rexam Co.) of West Springfield for 44 years and retired in 1994.

Born and schooled in Westfield, he was a longtime

resident of Agawam before moving to Florida in 1998. He was a Navy veteran and a member of the Springfield Turnverein and the East Mountain Country Club in Westfield.

He leaves his wife, the former Elaine Bourgeois; a son, Robert W. Eldridge of Agawam; two stepsons, Robert A. Leopardi of Clearwater, Florida and Raymond Leopardi of Enfield, Connecticut; four grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

A memorial service will be held Saturday morning at the St. John the Evangelist Church in Agawam, with burial at a later date in the Massachusetts Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Agawam. Colonial Forastiere Funeral Home is in charge.

Memorial contributions may be made to the National Kidney Foundation of Western Massachusetts, Suite 211, 105 Eastern Ave., Dedham, MA 02026, or the American Lung Association of Western Massachusetts, 393 Maple St., Springfield, MA 01105.

GUERINO A. MAZZA

Guerino A. Mazza, 85, of 100 Witheridge St. in Feeding Hills, died recently in Mercy Hospital in Springfield. He was a retired machinist for the Mill River Tool Co., worked for the Indian Motorcycle Co., and Pratt & Whitney. He also owned and operated a gas station on Main Street.

Born in Springfield, he had lived in California, but spent most of his life in Agawam. He leaves his wife of 63 years, the former Angelina Castelli; a son, Richard A. of Feeding Hills; a daughter, Rosemarie J. Douglas of Longmeadow; five grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

A graveside service is scheduled at St. Thomas Cemetery in West Springfield. West Springfield Curran-Jones Funeral Home is in charge.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Anthony of Padua Church, 108 Bridge St., Agawam, MA 01001, or the American Cancer Society, 53

Capital Drive, West Springfield, MA 01089.

EDITH M. PADDOCK

Edith M. (Phelps) Paddock, 93, of 25 Colonial Ave., Agawam, died recently in a West Springfield nursing home. Born in Springfield, she grew up in Readsboro, Vermont, and lived in West Springfield and Florida before moving to Agawam in 1991.

She was a member of First Baptist Church in West Springfield. Her husband, Elmer Paddock, died in 1993.

She leaves a son, Arthur of West Springfield; two daughters, Arlene Evans of Burlington, Vermont and Carolyn McMordie of Agawam; five grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and a great-great-grandson. A son, Robert, died in 1994.

West Springfield Curran-Jones Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements. Memorial contributions may be made to the church memorial fund, 337 Piper Road, West Springfield, MA 01089.

RUTH A. REEDER

Ruth A. Reeder passed away on June 10th in Okeechobee, Florida.

A member of the Lady Elks Lodge #2558, she was Lady Elk of the Year, 1982, in Okeechobee. She was predeceased by two husbands, Chris E. Hillesheim and Julian S. Reeder.

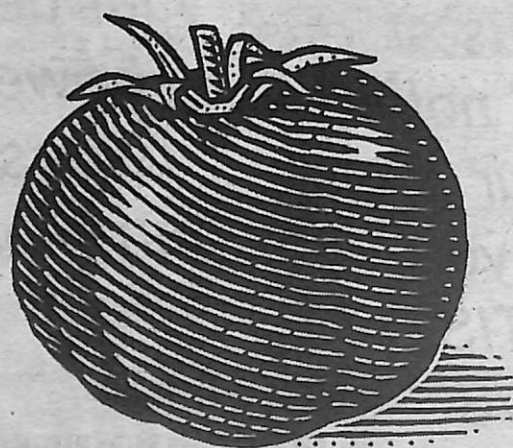
She is survived by a son, Chris Hillesheim of Carlsbad, California; a daughter, Margaret Timmons of Feeding Hills; two brothers, James B. Wortman of St. Charles, Missouri, and Jean C. Wortman of Brandon, Florida; and three grandsons, Christopher and Tyler Hillesheim, and Justin Timmons.

A memorial service was held on Wednesday, June 14th, in Sacred Heart Church in Okeechobee, and a graveside service was held on Monday, June 26th in Resurrection Cemetery, St. Louis, Missouri. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Alzheimer's

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HELEN M. TALLON

Helen M. (Pfeffer) Tallon, 89, of 40 Carmen Avenue, Feeding Hills, died recently in Agawam. Born in Chicago, she was a graduate of Sacred Heart School in Chicago. She lived in Chicago most of her life before moving to Agawam in 1997.

She was a librarian for the Chicago Public School System for 25 years, retiring in 1975. She was a communicant of St. Thomas More Church in Chicago, and a member of its Holy Rosary and Altary Society.

Her husband, William Tallon, died in 1971. She leaves a son, James J. of Feeding Hills; a daughter, Mary H. Webber of Lake Bluff, Illinois; and six grandchildren.

The funeral was from the Blake-Lamb Funeral Home, and in St. Catherine of Alexandria Church, both in Oak Lawn, Illinois, with burial in St. Mary's Cemetery, Evergreen Park, Illinois.

Donations may be made to the Greater Springfield Senior Services, 66 Industry Avenue, Springfield, MA 01104 or to the Hospice of Pioneer Valley, 50 Maple Street, Box 9058, Springfield, MA 01102-9058. Agawam Funeral Home was in charge of local arrangements.

STANLEY A. WOJNAROWICZ

Stanley A. Wojnarowicz, 83, of 29 Senator Ave., died recently at Holyoke Hospital in Holyoke. He was a custodian for the School Department for many years. He was born in Chicopee and lived in Detroit before moving to Agawam in 1948.

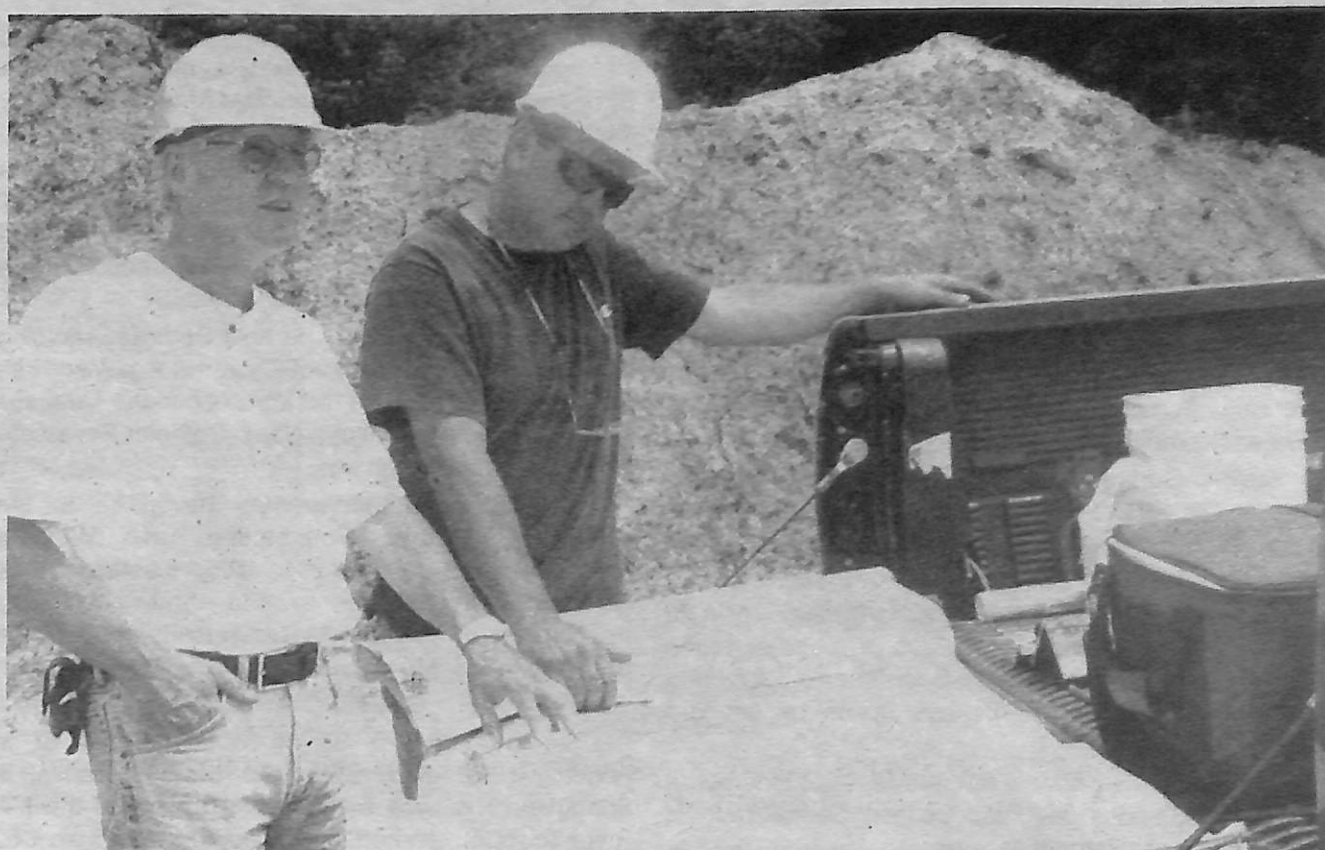
A World War II veteran, he served in the European-Middle Eastern-African Theater and received two Bronze Stars. He was a member of the Disabled American Veterans and a communicant of St. John's the Evangelist Church.

His wife, the former Jane Lesik, died in 1996. He leaves a son, James of Belchertown; a daughter, Antoinette Marmo of Feeding Hills; and two granddaughters.

The funeral was at Toomey-O'Brien Funeral Home and the church, with burial in St. Stanislaus Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Holyoke Soldiers' Home, 110 Cherry St., Holyoke, MA 01040.

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Construction Underway For Vets' Cemetery

PROJECT SUPERVISOR RICHARD MOREAU and Kerry Chapps, president of KC Construction, look over plans for the State Veterans' Memorial Cemetery at Main St. & River Rd. in Agawam, which is scheduled for completion by November 14th of this year. The land for the cemetery was donated by Edward Squazza of Agawam and will be open for burials by the end of 2000 or the beginning of 2001. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.

**Linda J. Melconian Charity Golf
Open Scheduled For Aug. 21st**

State Senator Linda J. Melconian's Eighth Annual Charity Golf Tournament will take place Monday, Aug. 21st at the Crestview Country Club in Agawam, benefiting Hampden County services for battered women and their children.

Golfers are invited to sign-up a foursome to hit the links for a good cause. The event features a lunch at 11:00, a noon shotgun start, and a barbecue dinner at the course. Most importantly, all proceeds directly benefit Womanshelter/Companeras in Holyoke and two programs of the YWCA of Western Massachusetts (the Abuse and Rape Crisis Hotline (ARCH) in Springfield and New Beginnings in Westfield).

Each program provides free and confidential emergency shelter, 24-hour telephone hotlines, counseling, support groups, legal advocacy, information, and

referrals.

Local businesses are invited to donate money or door prizes, or to participate as a tournament sponsor, or a hole/tee/green sponsor. In addition to the invaluable publicity sponsorship generates, every donation has a direct impact on the community, as 100 percent of the money raised goes directly to charity. Local business owners or golfers interested in participating should call Rosemary Sandlin (413) 785-0820 or Paige Thayer at (413) 732-3121, ext. 103, for more information.

Senator Melconian is an active and vocal advocate for domestic violence prevention programs in her district. As the Majority Leader and the highest ranking woman in the Massachusetts State Senate, Melconian is a tireless champion for women, children, and families across Massachusetts.

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TOM LEAHY and CHRIS SPARKS, director of the Agawam Parks and Recreation Deptment, seen above in left photo, were two of the participants at a shuffleboard tournament held at St. John's Field. **Helen Robbins and Mae McKay** (right photo) show good form at the recent shuffleboard tournament. Advertiser News photo by Dave Rollins.

First Annual Shuffleboard Tournament In Agawam

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

In pinball, if you listen to the rock opera 'Tommy', you have to have a supple wrist - which is a lot like shuffleboard. So it was last week at the St. John's field pavilion where the First Annual Agawam Shuffleboard Tournament was held. Eighteen seniors and one not so senior player (Parks and Recreation Director Christopher Sparks) showed up for the competition.

The tournament was the brainchild of Senior Center Activity Director Joan Linnehan plus others in the town, including Sparks. Most of the people who attended had confined their shuffleboard endeavors to Forest Park. So the renovations of the courts at St. John's, which are covered and free, seemed a way to motivate folks in Agawam to stay and play here.

The three courts were inaugurated in April. Interest didn't seem too high then. But the tournament might have turned things around. Ted Cutler of Agawam, who was the national champion last year down in Orlando, Florida in his age group (80) commented on the courts (which certainly seemed fast to this observer). "They're not fast. So we put some wax on them." He pulled out a small plastic jar from his pocket, which contained something that looked like powdered snow. "This stuff speeds things up quite a bit." He smiled.

In shuffleboard, it's every man or woman (as the case might be) for himself or herself. Hal Deyo of Feeding Hills, who finished 5th in the nationals (79's), explained some of the finer points. "The wrist is important but even more so, it's concentration and strategy." He also stressed the strategy aspect. "You try and put

your disc is a scoring slot occupied by you opponent. You do that by knocking them out of that spot. You also try with your disc to block your opponent from knocking you out of a scoring spot. It can get intense."

Like all sports, shuffleboard has some terms of its own, according to Deyo. One is putting your opponent 'in the kitchen', which means hitting his disc into the final row of the triangle, which says "10 OFF", meaning he has 10 points knocked off his score. Then there is the "Hammer." That term pertains to the player who has the final shot in the game and the final opportunity to score, maybe for the win.

They showed off their cues. Most of them were donated, made of sturdy steel and go for around \$25-\$30. However, Cutler had his own, a black graphite job that was worth a pretty penny. It was so light to hold that you almost couldn't even feel any weight at all. It also retracted into itself for easy carrying.

"With a cue like this, all you can feel is the disc, which is what you want to have happen. There's so much more control," Cutler said.

Sparks won in the men's category, but because he is the Parks and Rec director, he gave the trophy to first runner up, Agawam's Tom Leahy. Sparks was presented with a special trophy to display in the office commemorating the tournament.

On the ladies side, Janette Boucher beat May McKay for first place.



HAL DEYO awaits his turn during a shuffleboard tournament sponsored by the Agawam Parks and Recreation Department at St. John's Field. Advertiser News photo by Dave Rollins.

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Next week I will discuss the sculpting system. **Jennifer** is our certified Paul Mitchell educator and can create a special hair care program for any hair type. Jennifer and Carol welcome you to stop in with any hair problem and will be glad to create a whole new look for you!

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Heritage Woods Offers "Transitions" Seminar Aug. 8th

On Tuesday, August 8th at 2:30 p.m., Heritage Woods Assisted Living Community is pleased to offer "TRANSITIONS."

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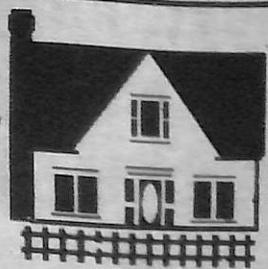


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by Jen Niedziela
Feature Writer



Local History A Passion Of Marilyn Curry

If you've ever visited Surprise! Card & Gift, planned a function at the Captain Charles Leonard House, or are involved in any of the historical groups in Agawam, you've most likely had the delight of meeting Marilyn Curry. A true gem of a woman, Marilyn is a delightful person who is truly devoted to all that she is involved with.

Marilyn has worked at Surprise! Card & Gift since 1992. After her husband passed away in 1991, she needed a place to work to be eligible for Social Security, and also so that she might have something to keep her busy. "I love my work at Surprise. I had been shopping there for many years. I knew the owners, and I liked the store, so I applied when they had an opening and I've been here ever since."

Extensively involved in town affairs, Marilyn is a busy woman. A member of the Thomas Pyne Whiting Street Commission, she serves on the three-member board who grants money to people suffering from extreme cases of poverty. "We listen to many cases of people who are really in a desperate need, and award money to those who are truly worthy of aid."

The Thomas Pyne Whiting Street Commission was founded back in the 1800's when money was put into an account for the purpose of assisting the poor, and the original money is still available, as only the interest has been distributed to preserve the initial investment. The Agawam chapter of this committee is one of the few left, and Marilyn credits that to good management of the funds.

"We're very careful about it. It's a wonderful idea, but it could very easily be lost if people were to be careless. We want this to be available for those who it was meant for, those who are really stricken."

Marilyn is also a non-voting member of the Agawam Historical Commission, as well as a member of the Historical Association. Through the Historical Association, she is helping with the old Elm Street Firehouse restoration, which is nearing its conclusion as the town's historical museum. "All we need now is a lift for an occupancy permit, and then we should be all set."

A member of the Sacred Heart Church congregation in Feeding Hills, Marilyn is active in church affairs. While serving as a lector, she also has served as the Sacred Heart representative to the Agawam Parish Council, with her term coming to a close in September.

Marilyn's main commitment comes with the Captain Charles Leonard House, where she is a member of the board of trustees, having served as a member of the board since 1984. The 15-member group invites people from the community who have a main interest in the Leonard House to serve

as members.

The house, which was named to the National Historic Register in 1975, had been falling into a decrepit state before Agawam entrepreneur Minerva Davis stepped in to save it in the late 1930's. "She felt it was a local treasure and that it should be preserved."

Mrs. Davis then established the board in 1940, when it was started to oversee the upkeep and care of the house after its restoration. Responsible for the maintenance of the internal re-furnishings, the board has proceeded to work on the inside of the house, having renovated the old "Pine Room," and maintaining the other rooms of the house as well as the grounds. "It's a good group," she states. "We work very well together."

At Christmastime, the board is a group of people who decorates the house and opens it up for tours. "It's a wonderful time, Christmas," states Marilyn. "The house just looks so beautiful, and everyone who comes has a good time."

For the past seven years, in addition to serving on the board of trustees, she has been responsible for all of the bookings for parties and other social events that occur at the Leonard House. Keeping on top of all the events that go on there is quite a task, and Marilyn carries around a large black calendar planner with all her notes and schedules enclosed within. "We have all kinds of parties coming in here," she states. "Everything from wedding receptions to showers, to Bible study groups. It's a beautiful gathering place, and people like to come here."

"I've always been fascinated by the history of Agawam," Marilyn stated. "There's just so much history behind everything here, that it's difficult not to be curious about what something has been."

Unofficial Historian Of Agawam

Some people say that Marilyn has become the unofficial historian of Agawam, a title that she still believes belongs to the late Edith Francis. "She (Edith) just had an encyclopedic mind. You could ask her anything about Agawam, and she'd either know the answer, or know where to find it. She was amazing."

"My interest in history originated in my father,"



MARILYN CURRY

Marilyn reflects, "and then my husband was always very interested, so it got me back into studying history." Marilyn and Dick's love for history had transferred to their children, as every year, they would go to Boston to absorb the history in the city.

"Every year, we go and walk the Freedom Trail, visit all the historical sites, and also see the re-enactment of the Lexington and Concord battle on Patriots Day."

Although having been to Boston for the historical tours, she still has never been on the "Turnabout Cruise," where they take the U.S.S. Constitution, "Old Ironsides," out into the harbor on the Fourth of July. "I'm the only one in my family who hasn't gone out on it yet," she said. "My husband has been on it, my son went when he was younger, and when my daughter went, they hung lanterns in the Old North Church," she smiled. "It's something I'd really like to do someday."

Born and raised in Hartford, Marilyn lived in the Brightwood section of Springfield after her marriage.

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She married her husband, Richard "Dick" Curry, when he was drafted into the Korean War in 1951. Marilyn was in her senior year of nursing training at Mercy Hospital when she married. However, she had to leave that job as "at that time, women weren't allowed to be married and study to be a nurse at the same time," she explains.

Moved To Agawam In 1963

Marilyn moved to Agawam in 1963. "I had always lived in the city, and I never liked it. I didn't realize why until we moved to the country out here in Agawam." Moving into a large house off North West Street, Marilyn realized how much more she enjoyed living in the country. "Everything is so much more open and relaxed. It was just so much more enjoyable."

Dick, an educator for many years, held a position in the Wilbraham School System. Teaching history for 38 years, he also served as the principal of Stony Hill School, the Little Red Schoolhouse, and the Pine School. "He even did his own secretarial work twice a week," Marilyn said, smiling. "He just stayed on top of it all." After having been principal of the various schools, he returned to teaching to finish his career. "He liked being principal, but he loved the classroom and that is where he wanted to finish."

Dick Curry was also active in town affairs, serving

on the Captain Charles Leonard House board of trustees from 1973 to 1984, as well as historically recounting the events of old for the town in his column, "In Old Agawam," which appeared in The Agawam Advertiser News for many years. "He loved history," said Marilyn. "I love history, but it was his love of the past that brought me to realize how much I truly enjoyed it."

Marilyn and Dick had two children, Rick and Debbie. Debbie, a historical preservationist, works at the Old North Church in Boston. "She just loves the city," said Marilyn. "She loves being there. She hasn't been away from it for more than a few days in a really long time." Their son, Rick, a sergeant in the Agawam Police Department, lives in Agawam.

Rick has two daughters, Elizabeth and Kelly Curry. Elizabeth, a sophomore at Springfield Technical Community College, and was a member of Agawam High School's class of 1999. Kelly will be a sophomore at Agawam High School in September. "I love my granddaughters," Marilyn said, smiling. "They are just the light of my life. I love them very much."

Marilyn has so much going on, yet manages to stay on top of it all. "There's never a dull moment, that's for sure," she said, laughing, "but it's all such a wonderful experience, and so much fun."

Junior Women's Again Holding Program For First Time Bus Riders

The Agawam Junior Women's Club is once again sponsoring the First Time Bus Riders Program on Thursday, August 24th, at 9:30 a.m. at the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper Street.

The program features the "Safety Bug" and is designed for Agawam and Feeding Hills children who will be taking a school bus for the first time this year. This program is in addition to the school's Let's Get

Acquainted Kindergarten Orientation Program.

Information is available by calling Donna Shibley at 786-3888. Sign-ups will be available at the Library. Parking is available at the Agawam High School.

The Agawam Junior Women's Club is a member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, Junior Membership.

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Seymour & Morytko To Be Installed By Legion

Charles Burke of Indian Orchard Post 277 will be installed as Commander of Hampden County Council of The American Legion on Saturday evening, August 5 at 7:00 p.m.

Burke is a Past Commander of Post 277 and is the present Post Adjutant. Agawam Legion Post 185 will be represented by Adjutant - Ken Morytko of Feeding Hills Post 185 and Historian - Glenn Seymour of Agawam Post 185.

Installing officer will be State Legion Commander Mark A. Avis of Palmer together with his Installing Suite.

Invited guests include Mayor Michael Albano, State Representative Paul Caron, State Senator Brian Lees, Past National Legional Commander John P. "Jake" Cormer of Quincy, National Executive Committeeman Alfred Canale of Fitchburg, and all the State Legion Officers.

Representing the Ladies' Auxiliary will be State Vice President Carolyn Baranowski of Springfield, and Hampden County Auxiliary Director Mary Magiera.

Highlighting the Installation will be the Annual Scholarship Awards that will be presented by Scholarship Chairman, P.C.C. William J. Craven and the Law & Order Awards to four Chicopee policemen by Co-Chairman Henry Goldwaite and Lee Metty.

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Kiwanis Golf Tourney Proves To Be Successful Fundraiser

The Take Five Restaurant was the scene of the presentation of a check from the Kiwanis Golf Committee to the club president which will enable the club to increase their pledges to assist young people.

Len Anair, chairman of the tournament, presented Kay Buoniconti, president, with a check for \$4,000.00 which was raised through the tournament held in June at Shaker Farms.

"This is the most successful fundraiser we've had," the president said, "now we can plan to increase our youth programs."

The West Springfield-Agawam Kiwanis Club is active in both communities.

For information on the club, please call 734-2168.

Keenan & Molta Offers Senior Discount

Local seniors are being offered an opportunity to save thousands on the sale of their home through a unique initiative from Coldwell Banker Keenan & Molta Associates. The company is providing these special services in two ways. Keenan & Molta agents are undergoing special training to become Senior Specialists.

The company is also offering a **15 percent discount** on listing fees. "These offers are a way for us to thank our loyal customers who've worked hard to build up equity in their homes and now need to make some changes," says Bob Molta, President of Coldwell Banker Keenan & Molta Associates.

This thank you comes in the form of **Preferred Client Cards** sent to Western Massachusetts residents 55 years of age and older. It's an incentive for seniors who may have been hesitating to downsize to a smaller home or move to a new location to enjoy retirement.

Keenan & Molta's new initiative goes beyond saving money. The company is offering the services of **Senior Specialists**, agents who are trained to help seniors face the changes that come with moving to a new home. The company is also offering the moving and transition services of Barbara Perman's company, **Moving On**. Barbara and her trained staff will help seniors with all phases of a move, will assist in preparing homes for resale, and in making decisions about personal belongings and doing customized packing. Seniors will get 25 percent off the initial consultation fee.



THE WEST SPRINGFIELD-AGAWAM KIWANIS CLUB met recently at Take Five Restaurant in Feeding Hills. Above, a check for \$4,000 was handed over to the club treasury raised from the club's recent golf tournament. From left - Ed Walsh, Kay Buoniconti (president), Len Anair (golf tournament chairman), and Judy Lichwan. The tournament was held in June at Shaker Farms. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepherd.

Agawam Gets Ready To Polka

The Eddie Foreman Orchestra, one of the area's most popular bands, will perform on the Veterans' Green in Agawam Center on Wednesday, August 9th at 7:00 p.m. as part of the town's summer entertainment series.

The Hadley based group has been performing across the United States for 31 years and has been known to mix in some country, top 40 as well as a little rock 'n roll. The night's entertainment is presented

by the Agawam Polish Club.

The free summer series is sponsored by the Agawam Cultural Council and the Agawam Rotary Club.

For more information, call 789-7383 or on the web at www.agawamcc.org. In the event of rain, the event will be held either at the Phelps School or at the Agawam Middle School.

4-H Fun Day & Tag Sale At Southwick Grange

On Sunday, August 6th, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., bring your family and your pets to the 4H Fun Day and Tag Sale at the Southwick Grange.

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ELLEN MILES

Ellen Miles To Serve As Rotary Assistant Governor

Southwick: Ellen M. Miles, Corporate Communications Manager, Dexter Corporation, Windsor Locks, Connecticut, has begun her third term as Assistant Governor for Area 4 for the year 2000-2001 effective July 1st.

Ellen is a resident of Southwick and a member of the Rotary since 1989; she has served as secretary, vice president, and president (1996-1997). She has also served on numerous committees and is currently responsible for the club's public relations effort.

As Assistant Governor, Ellen works with the Chief Officer of District 7890, Frank Wargo, providing leadership and guidance to help clubs strengthen the programs of Rotary. Ellen served under Past District Governor Tom Voorhees during year 1999-2000 and under Past District Governor Robert F.L. MacDonald for year 1998-1999. The District has 10 Assistant Governors.

Ellen officially serves six of the Rotary Clubs in District 7890, including Agawam, Southwick, Springfield, Springfield Sunrise, West Springfield, and Westfield. District 7890 covers Western Massachusetts and Northern Connecticut and consists of 65 Rotary Clubs with a membership of over 3,000 professional people.

Miles was presented with a Paul Harris Fellow Recognition by the Southwick Rotary Club in January 1999. She is a benefactor of the Rotary Foundation and the recipient of the Governor's Rotary Foundation District Service Award for 1998-1999.

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ALL-STAR DYN-O-MYTE DISCO REVIEW

Disco Music And Ace Ventura At Veterans' Green On Saturday, August 5

As part of the town's summer series, the All Star Dyn-O-Myte Disco Review will start off this Saturday's entertainment at 7:00 p.m. at Veteran's Green on Saturday, August 5.

The six-piece band combines great dance music from the disco/funk era with a fun interactive stage show and costumes of the era.

The group plays many local clubs including Geraldine's and was a featured performer at this year's Taste of Springfield. In addition, they have opened for such 70's groups as The Village People and the Tramps.

Following the musical performance, the comedy movie, Ace Ventura Pet Detective, will be shown. (PG-13) Picnic baskets, bug spray, citronella candles and warm blankets are encouraged. The night's entertainment is presented by local dentist, Dr. Buddy Denison.

The free summer long series is sponsored by the Agawam Cultural Council and Agawam Rotary Club.

For more information, call 789-7393 or on the web at www.agawamcc.org. In the event of rain, the event will be held either at the Phelps School or at the Agawam Middle School.

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The Simple Truth

It seems that it is human nature to take simple things and make them complicated. To demonstrate this principle, all one needs to do is look under the hood of a modern automobile. There are many, many yards' worth of wiring, not to mention hoses and other materials combined in a complicated array to form a modern car engine. Cars are now made out of metal alloys rather than steel, and are made smaller than their counterparts of decades gone by, in an effort to make them more fuel efficient. Yet today's cars, with all their complicated engineering, and smaller and lighter bodies, get about the same fuel mileage that their predecessors of 60 years ago got.

More complicated does not necessarily mean better. That can be argued for cars and other man-made things. It can also be said for Christianity.

Christianity is based upon a few simple truths, which we then tend to complicate. Among these truths are that God is a distinct individual, who has preferences. As well, God made the world, and us. And, as Jesus said, "For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, so that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life."

To these simple truths we are sometimes tempted to add our own insights, aided in part by our personal experiences and observations. It is not surprising, that for reasons which are obvious to ourselves but mysterious to others, we usually attach greater impor-

tance to some of our insights and experiences than to others. In some instances, entire denominations have been established, based upon this phenomenon.

It may be that even Jesus' closest friends might have engaged in attaching greater relevance to some parts of Jesus' ministry and message than to other parts. If so, we really couldn't blame them, as we might easily do the same thing ourselves. In any event, perhaps that is why God decided to remind Jesus' companions, by way of a rather dramatic presentation, of the important theme of Jesus' message and ministry.

About eight days after Jesus said this, He took Peter, John and James with Him and went up onto a mountain to pray. As He was praying, the appearance of His face changed, and His clothes became as bright as a flash of lightning. Two men, Moses and Elijah, appeared in glorious splendor, talking with Jesus. Peter and his companions were sleepy, but when they became fully awake, they saw His glory and the two men standing with Him. As the men were leaving Jesus, Peter said to Him, "Master, it is good for us to be here. Let us put up three shelters, one for You, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was speaking, a cloud appeared and enveloped them, and they were afraid as they entered the cloud. A voice came from the cloud, saying, "This is My Son, whom I have chosen, listen to Him." In essence, God told Peter and the others that all of the Judeo Christian religions are focused upon and centered in Jesus. God made this point abundantly clear in a supernatural way: without Jesus, there is no Judeo Christian religion.

Being in the immediate presence of God had a profound and observable impact upon Jesus. The appearance of His face changed, and His clothes became as bright as a flash of lightning. It may

also have had an observable impact on Jesus' friends, but for some reason, that fact is not recorded. If it indeed occurred, it would not have been the first time that a person was transformed by being in the presence of God. It has happened before. When Moses came down from Mount Sinai with the two tablets in his hands, he was not aware that his face was radiant because he had spoken with the Lord. This became something of a habit with Moses.

Whether or not Peter and his friends experienced a transformation similar to Moses, the point God made that day, "This is My Son, whom I have chosen, listen to Him," was not lost upon them. They made it their purpose to keep the message about Jesus simple and clear. We did not follow cleverly invented stories when we told you about the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of His majesty. For He received honor and glory from God the Father when the voice came to Him from the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is My Son, whom I love, with Him I am well pleased." We ourselves heard this voice that came from heaven when we were with Him on the sacred mountain.

There is a saying in business which expresses things well: KISS: *Keep It Simple, Stupid!*

The basic message of Christianity is, in fact, pretty simple, straightforward, and sensible. Exalt the Lord our God, He is holy. They called on the Lord and He answered them. He spoke to them from the pillar of the cloud; they kept His statutes and the decrees He gave them. O Lord our God, You answered them; You were to them a forgiving God, though You punished them for their misdeeds. Exalt the Lord our God, for He is holy.

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DESPISED, HE WAS REJECTED
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Chorus:

INSTEAD OF ME
HE TOOK THE BLAME, THE MISERY
INSTEAD OF ME
HE SUFFERED SILENT AGONY
AND IN THAT FINAL BREATH
HE DIED ALONE THE SINNER'S DEATH
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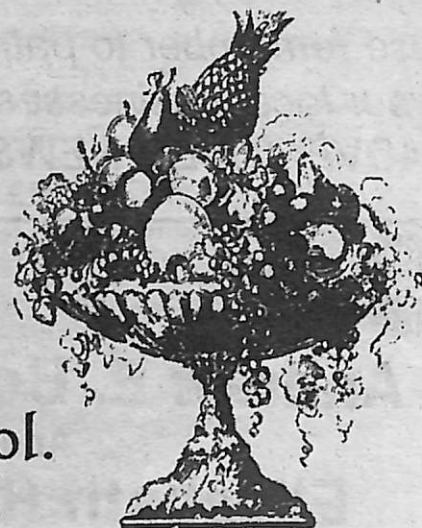
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TRADED WEALTH TO WEAR A PIERCING CROWN
TIL THE FATHER'S ONE DEMAND HE MET AT CALVARY
ALONE, STRIPPED OF HIS MAJESTY
HE CRIED, "THOU HAS FORSAKEN ME"

(Repeat Chorus Twice)

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News & Notes From F.H. Congregational

You are welcome to join with us at the Feeding Hills Congregational Church, which is located at 21 N. Westfield Street in Feeding Hills. Our Sunday Service of Worship begins at 9:30 a.m. for the summer and will this week include the Service of Holy Communion.

Rev. Donaldson's sermon is entitled "My Burden Is Light" The Bible readings are Matthew 11:18-30 and John 8:3-11. Cindy Matteson will be Lector. Ushers will be Sue Boisvert and Chris Chapman. Christine Kretschmar will serve as Acolyte.

Children are invited to attend worship, which will include a Youth Moment.

Elaine will not be in the office during the week that begins on August 6th.

Volunteers are needed to make desserts for the Parish Cupboard on Wednesday, August 9th. If you are able to make a dessert (brownies, sheet cake, cookies, etc.) please have your contribution to the church kitchen by noon on Wednesday. A sign-up sheet is located on the bulletin board in Griswold Hall.

On Sunday, August 13th, Debra Shepard will join us during morning worship to share her experiences working on church missions in Honduras. Rev. Donaldson is planning a similar trip there in January.

On the calendar:

Fri., Aug. 4th Elaine working; 7 p.m. Wedding Rehearsal

Sat., Aug. 5th: 3:30 p.m. Wedding

Sun., Aug. 6th: 9:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion; 11:00 a.m. Church of Redemption

Tues., Aug. 8th: 7:00 p.m. A.A.; :30 p.m. CE Board

Wed., Aug. 9th: Parish Cupboard desserts needed

Thurs., Aug. 10th: 7:00 p.m. A.A.; 7:00 p.m. Church of Redemption Bible Study

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CONFIRMATION: We will soon be preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation which will be administered in October. Any adult who has not yet been confirmed and who would like to be is asked to contact Sr. Mary Clare, Fr. Bill, or Fr. Howard. We will have some sessions with this group to get them ready.

LAST CALL: CONFIRMATION CLASS: Those to be Confirmed in October are reminded to get their paperwork in and make an appointment for their interview before the end of July.

AGAWAM CATHOLIC SINGLES CLUB: The group will next meet on August 10th at 7:00 p.m. for games. The walking group meets every Tuesday at

St. John's at 7:00 p.m. for all who might be interested. For more info, call JoAnn, 786-0774, or John, 786-2273.

PARISH PICNIC: The Parish Picnic is coming fast: **August 27th.** That is less than a month away. Mark your calendar and plan to be with us for a fun-filled day for the whole family. Want to help? A storyteller is needed. Call Mariann Green, 593-5764, or Joe Audette, 789-0816. They will be glad to hear from you.

NOCTURNAL ADORATION: Nocturnal Adoration for August will be here at St. John's on this Friday, Aug. 4th from 7:00-11:00 p.m.

Six Flags Tickets Available From Area Churches

Six Flags single day admission tickets are still available from area churches. A portion of the price for these tickets will benefit the Parish Cupboard in West Springfield and the hungry and homeless people they serve.

"About 200 tickets have been sold so far," said Candy Boucher, Executive Director of the Parish Cupboard. "I think people appreciate the opportunity to share a portion of their entertainment dollars with their neighbors in need."

Six Flags Consignment Tickets: Adult Admission \$20.50 and Junior - \$16.50 are available from the following in Agawam, Feeding Hills and West Springfield:

Chip and Diane Arnold - Grace Lutheran - 732-4118; Linda Latourelle - First Baptist - W.S. - 733-9983; Candy Boucher - Parish Cupboard/St. Louis De France - 734-7969; Dot Coon at Agawam Congregational; Phyllis Colburn at Church of the Good Shepherd; Steve Bailey at First Baptist - Agawam; Doris Hayes at First United Methodist; Helen Johnson at First Congregational; Catherine Curry at Immaculate Conception; Carol Granger at Mittineague Congregational; Theresa Barlowe at Sacred Heart - Feeding Hills; Barbara Amsden at Bethany Assembly of God - Agawam; Kathy Labun at St. Thomas; and Claire Carocci at Mittineague United Methodist.

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News From Faith Bible Church

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With the church growing at the rate it is, we are very excited to be adding on to our building. God is so faithful, and this is the indication of how we are to grow.

A Taste of Westfield will be held in a couple of weeks, and we will be there to greet and to talk with people. This promises to be a fun time.

We are still planning our upcoming tag/bake sale in September. We have been putting away many items in our basements, so there will be an enormous amount of items to choose from; something for everyone.

Our last tag/bake sale was very successful, and we moved a lot of items; many were large furniture items. We hope to have the same in September.

Our Women's Bible Study is still meeting on Tuesday mornings, but now it is being held at someone's house. It is different, however, but brunch will be served. Please call the church for directions prior to Tuesdays.

Picnic Plans Moving Ahead At St. John's

Mariann Green, Chairman, and Joe Audette, Co-Chairman, are moving their scores of volunteers to finalize plans for the Parish Picnic.

The picnic will be held at St. John's field on Leonard Street on Sunday, August 27. There will be many activities for children of all ages including a Dunking Booth, Volleyball Games, Face Painting, a Magic Act, clown and more.

The Pavilion at St. John's field has been renovated and hot dogs, hamburgers, ice cream and soda will be available. Last year's picnic was an enormous success and an even bigger turn-out is expected this year.

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Calendar From Agawam Congregational

This Sunday, Aug. 6th, at the Agawam Congregational Church (745 Main Street, Agawam), the service begins at 9:30 a.m., and being the first Sunday of the month, we will be celebrating the Lord's supper by partaking in Communion. Rev. Eisenbach will be speaking on "The Risk Of Not Risking." Come join us for a time with the Lord with fellowship immediately following the service.

The Pastor and his wife, Barbara, are members of the Order of St. Luke, an international healing and prayer ministry. They are available and will pray with individuals after the service.

Men are invited to join the Men's Prayer Time, which meets at 7:45 a.m. each Wednesday morning.

We read from the devotional guide "Upper Room" for meditation and discussion, with time for coffee and fellowship.

The Appraisal Fair will be held on September 7th from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m.

2001 Costa Rica Tour: Anyone interested in a guided trip to Costa Rica in the early part of the year, please call Bill Martin at 789-1063 for more information.

For more information concerning any of our events, please call the church office at 786-7111.

St. David's Episcopal Church To Host Vacation Bible School

St. David's Church will be hosting "2000 Ark Avenue God's Great Get-Together," a Vacation Bible School to be held August 14th through August 18th from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon at St. David's, 699 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills.

Children three years-old to those entering sixth grade are invited to join together to explore and celebrate God's promises to us. Through the telling of Old

and New Testament Bible stories, learning songs, games, crafts, snacks, and prayers, children come to learn about God's faithfulness.

Cost is \$5 per child or \$12 per family. Registration forms are available at the church. For more information about this exciting event, please call the church office at (413) 786-6133, Monday through Friday, between 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon.

Catholic Women's Club Plans Art Auction

The Catholic Women's Club of Agawam will host a Ross Gallery Art Auction to benefit the club's scholarship fund on Saturday, October 14th at St. John's Parish Center, 233 Main St., Agawam.

Preview will be held at 6:30 p.m. with the auction

starting at 7:30. Cost is \$10 per person or \$15 per couple. Refreshments and a raffle will be available.

For ticket information, call Mary Gontczaruk at 413-786-0283.

"Take Off Pounds Sensibly" At Christ Church

Come and join the fun and lose weight, too. TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) is hosting a free meeting and seeking new members interested in losing weight and keeping it off.

If you want to lose weight and make new friends who are in the same boat, come and join us for a free meeting. Meetings are held every Wednesday night at Christ Church United Methodist, 222 College Highway, Southwick.

Weigh in from 6:30 to 7:00 p.m., with meeting to start sharply at 7:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. Come try a

free meeting. If you like what you see, it is only \$1 per week to have fun and lose weight. To join for a year is only \$20, which includes our TOPS magazine mailed to your house throughout the year.

So, you have nothing to lose, but unwanted weight! For further information, call Deidre at 572-3092 or Pat at 786-4122. Hope to see you!!!

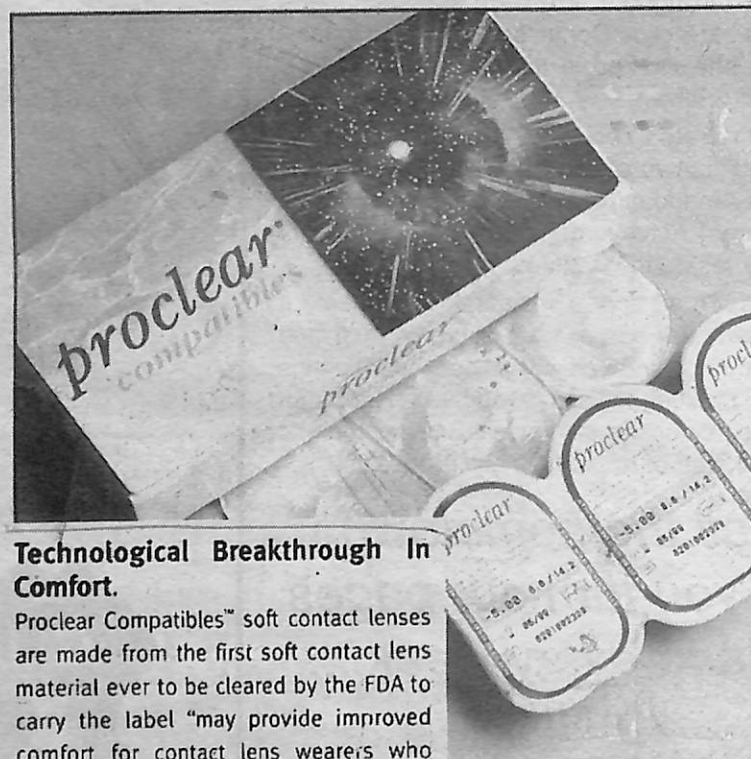
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Patti Andras Promoted At Woronoco Bank

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Patti has more than 23 years of experience in the Trust field and has worked as a Trust Officer at the former SIS and Shawmut Banks.

Patti is a graduate of the National Trust School and the National Trust Graduate School at Northwestern University in Chicago, Illinois. She has also completed various courses at Westfield State College and Holyoke Community College.

Patti is involved with more than 20 non-profit organizations throughout Western Massachusetts and is a Westfield Police Commissioner. Prior to joining the Bank, she worked in the office of Westfield Mayor Richard Sullivan.

This year Patti received the Outstanding Community Spirit Award from the Greater Westfield Chapter of the American Red Cross. She received the YWCA Woman of Achievement Award in 1998. Patti and her family reside in Westfield.

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Are You Prepared For A Market Slump?

Ask Yourself These Questions To Find Out.

The recent pullback in both technology stocks and the broader market no doubt surprised many investors, who may have started believing that equity prices could only go up. Whether the downdraft signals a return to a more traditional "up-and-down" market remains to be seen. Regardless, investors should be ready for inevitable slump periods.

Key questions to consider: To assess how prepared you are for a downturn in stocks - or any other type of investment - ask yourself these questions:

1. *Are my investments appropriate for my goals?* The frenzy over tech stocks has tempted many investors toward one broad objective: make lots of money on a few hot issues. But with such an undefined goal and narrow portfolios, these investors may stampede to sell in any serious slump.

You'll be better able to ride out market ups and downs by 1) writing down exactly what goals you're investing for, 2) calculating how much money you'll need for each one, 3) estimating when you'll need the cash, and 4) choosing a diversified portfolio of investments suited to your objectives and time frame.

If you're like most people, you'll have both long-term goals (a \$500,000 retirement nest egg, for example) and short-term ones (perhaps a house down payment or an extended vacation). For goals that are years away, consider investing at least part of your money in stocks, which are volatile over short periods, but historically have outpaced inflation by a wide margin over time. For money you'll need fairly soon, though, you'll want investments that won't shrink much when the markets slump - such as short-term bonds or cash equivalents.

2. *Is my portfolio adequately diversified?* Say you

want to retire in 10 years with a half-million-dollar portfolio, and you think you can only reach your goal by investing exclusively in high-flying tech stocks. Is that a good idea?

It might be if you know for sure which tech stocks will stay aloft for another 10 years, what level of volatility they will experience, and if you'll be able to stomach it as your stake grows larger as your time frame gets shorter. But you probably don't know that.

Because even the experts can't consistently predict future winners, it's best to spread your investments across stocks, bonds, and cash - and different investments within each type. This not only helps reduce your exposure to a downturn in any one industry or asset class, it may potentially provide a better long-term return (and certainly less stressful time) than a narrowly focused portfolio.

3. *Can I tolerate my portfolio's risk level?* Another potential way to enhance your investment returns is to avoid making decisions based on your emotions. You can help yourself do that by carefully examining each investment you own and understanding its potential for volatility in a severe slump. A knowledgeable financial advisor can help you review your portfolio and explain each investment's characteristics. If you find that an investment's potential volatility would keep you up at night, consider lightening up on those holdings.

4. *Do I have cash reserves in case I need some of my money?* One way to increase your tolerance for investment risk is to keep a portion of your assets in cash in case you need it. That way, you know if the market slumps, you won't have to sell volatile investments at depressed prices to meet unforeseen expenses. How much should you set aside as reserves? It depends on your employment security and other factors, but many financial advisors suggest keeping three to six months' living expenses in cash.

5. *Do I have an investment plan that covers all of the above questions?* Being prepared for both bear and bull markets means having a written plan that answers all the questions above. A trusted financial advisor can help you tailor a plan to your situation and stay on course for your goals regardless of short-term market conditions.

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Doctors' offices, stop lights, and grocery store checkout stands all conspire to consume our spare time. The solution to this problem is two-fold; you can reduce the amount of time wasted in some cases, and take advantage of the ones that you cannot control.

For instance, when making doctor or dentist appointments, try to get in first thing in the morning. If there is no one ahead of you, waiting time will be shorter. Not a morning person? Make your appointment the first one after the office comes back from lunch. You should get the same results.

Do your grocery shopping during the day when most people are at work, or if you're a night person, stop at one of the 24-hour places late at night. It also helps to stock up when you shop so you don't have to go as often.

As for the things we have no control over, like traffic, use the time to get something done. Listen to audio books while in your car. If you attend school or seminars, tape those to play in traffic or on long drives.

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Raymond Rose is a resident of Agawam, and the Founder/Senior Associate of **THE PIONEER GROUP**, a professional real estate and financial services firm serving home buyers and sellers throughout the area. Comments and questions can be directed to his office (731-6800), his voice mail (846-0961), or his e-mail (RaymondRose@aol.com). Listen to his pre-recorded Home Buyer's Info-Line at 846-0923. Also, contact him via e-mail to receive his **FREE** online newsletter. **THE PIONEER REPORT - Online...** it's filled with enjoyable and informative info helping to "keep life simple." Thanks!

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Slip, Trip & Fall Donut Store - Wet Floor

In 1997, the plaintiff and several of her friends entered a retail store. Witnesses testified that the plaintiff and those in her party entered the store in an abrupt, loud, and boisterous manner.

The plaintiff and her friends stopped at the store for coffee and to use the restroom. Upon entering the store, several within the party proceeded directly to the counter while the plaintiff and another of her friends hurriedly proceeded to the restroom area.

Several witnesses within the store claimed that immediately before the accident, both the plaintiff and her friend were "running" toward the women's restroom in a playful effort to arrive there first. The restroom of this particular store could only accommodate

one person. While making her way to the restroom area, the plaintiff slipped and fell on a wet floor.

Discovery revealed that the defendant's employees had indeed recently mopped the floor in anticipation of an 11:00 p.m. closing time. The plaintiff asserted that sufficient warning of the dangerous condition of the floor was lacking immediately prior to the accident. Moreover, the plaintiff asserted that the defendant's procedure of prematurely mopping the floor was equally negligent and contributory to the accident.

Conversely, the defendant consistently maintained that (1) a bright yellow caution sign was in plain view at all times; and (2) the plaintiff's own carelessness was solely responsible for the accident.

The plaintiff was removed from the accident scene and taken to a hospital where she was diagnosed as suffering from a trimalleolar fracture. The fracture was repaired by open reduction. Following surgery, the plaintiff underwent a brief regimen of physical therapy. Subsequent examination revealed "satisfactory healing of the fracture of the left ankle with no evidence of subluxation."

The case was settled for \$220,000.

Attorney Alan L. Ferrigno maintains an office at 546 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, Massachusetts. If you have a legal question, Attorney Ferrigno will attempt to address the same in this column.

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Agawam Community Artists To Be Featured At Baystate Medical Center

The Arts Alive Program, under the direction of Dr. J. Rosenthal at Baystate Medical Center, the Centennial Hallways (third floor) will contain the artworks of local and area artists of the Agawam Community Artists now through September 17th.

President Howard Safford was pleased to see the members' participation covering the Centennial walls

which consisted of various mediums and diverse subject matters, including acrylics, oils, watercolors, still life, and collages.

The exhibit is open to the public at no charge. The Agawam Community Artists is partially funded by the Agawam Cultural Council supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council.

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Services For The Elderly Dwindling Due To Government Cuts

by Kathy Shepard
Feature Editor

According to Sister Madonna McKinley, who is a nurse with the Agawam Senior Center, there is concern about the many recent cuts in government services for seniors. Those services previously covered were slim to minimum, but now, as an example, a person previously allotted two hours a day with a home health aide is expected to function with just one hour, under the present system.

Sister McKinley is an outreach counselor for The Agawam Council on Aging and felt the need to speak with us on behalf of the elderly, who, after all, are representative of the generation who made this country strong and stable. They are, in a way, a "silent majority," she said. They were taught to be thankful for what they have; to refrain from complaining; to be polite and respectful of authority.

In an ironic way, these precepts may be backfiring on them. Their age group has, for the most part, been generous and giving. Now, when they need help themselves to simply remain independent, services which could help them do so are being pulled out from under them, according to her. Sister McKinley pointed out, "If the insurance companies want to keep these people out of the hospital and living independently, we need at least minimum services. The insurance companies want it both ways. They send people home from the hospital, even when they are not always well enough to go home, but the services needed to keep them safe at home are being taken away."

As an outreach counselor, Sister's responsibilities include handling Meals On Wheels referrals and placing requests for home care and home health aids. "Our clients' ages span 40 years, from 60 to 100 and over. We hear of overflow of dollars with government,



SISTER MADONNA MCKINLEY, outreach counselor for the Agawam Council On Aging, is concerned about dwindling services for seniors because of government cuts. Advertiser News photos by Kathy Shepard.

but where is it going?

"The seniors should have the services they need. The people suffer from the stigma of feeling that it is not right to call for or seek help, but really, they should not need to ask. The services should simply be available to them. Experiencing cuts in services at this point in their lives is dangerous and unfair. Some 90-

to-95-year-old people can stay home and out of a nursing home with just a little help.

She added, "The Meals on Wheels Program serves a far more important role than delivering food. When someone delivers a meal, it's a form of contact with the outside world, a way of checking in with someone to know they are all right and to let them know they are valuable to others."

Two recent incidents motivated Sister McKinley to go public through The Agawam Advertiser News to spotlight these cuts to elderly services. The first was the case of alcohol abuse not noted by the person's family. That person fell in the tub and remained there all night, exemplifying the importance of having people available to check in and understand the extent of a situation.

On the other side of the coin, a rescue and recovery from alcohol abuse took place recently due to referrals and meals. With enough support, this person was placed in a new environment and has been able to refrain from alcohol abuse.

Sister McKinley said the community must face this issue, for it affects everyone in one way or another. The elderly deserve, at the very least, some daily human contact and enough home and health care to keep them living full lives, in their own apartments or homes, as long as possible.

Since insurance companies and case management has moved toward reducing or eliminating hospitalizations to the "bare bones," it makes sense to aspire toward a home life with high quality and effective care for the individual.

For that to happen, services should not be cut and could even stand to be increased, according to her.

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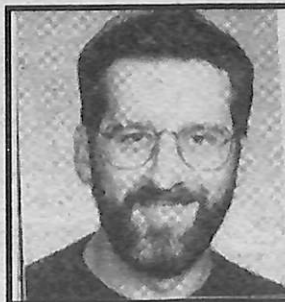
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The Challenge Of Anticipating

Three weeks ago, I began talking about *expectations*, especially as it related to the pending birth of my fifth child. Last week, we focused on the process of *waiting for life* and the struggles connected to waiting.

As I continue to wait for this birth, I bump up against having to write this column uncertain of which direction it will take, while also knowing I need to make the newspaper's deadline. So I've decided to write about the **challenge of anticipation**.

In two hours, I will be accompanying my wife to our weekly appointed doctor's check-up. Neither of us *anticipated* we'd be keeping this appointment. Rather, we anticipated that our little one would be home with us by this time. He is not!

This morning's ultrasound indicated that the baby is doing very well. The non-stress test yesterday was

perfect. Everything and everyone is ready, except the baby. I anticipate the option for inducing will come again this afternoon and we'll once again face that decision. On some level, I'm anticipating that we might be going directly to the hospital to begin the labor process.

My anticipation contains a high level of not knowing, some anxiety, a sense of hopefulness and certain eagerness for the expected outcome. The challenge of anticipating, as I am experiencing it right now, is to be in a moment and not move fast forward into what could be. Also attached to this challenge is the fear of going in reverse and focusing on the trauma that our first two births presented.

My seven-year-old just came into my office to check-up on her daddy. My sense is that she, too, is sensing the heightened level of anticipation filling our home. She was thrilled to have participated with us in today's ultrasound experience. She eagerly hopped up onto my lap, as she is accustomed to do. While I continued to type away, she asked me a question. "Daaadd," she sang with her delightfully sweet voice, "Do kids write to you and talk about what they want to talk about?"

I said, "Yes, but not that often." She continued to impress upon me her idea that kids should be in my

column. So I agreed on the spot and asked her if she'd be willing to tell me a few of her thoughts about what I was writing about. Her eyes lit up with excitement and anticipation.

I asked her if she knew what the word *anticipation* meant. Here is her response. "It's really wanting something to happen soon. It is like really wanting my little brother to come out soon, but knowing I have to wait. Every day, I get really excited that I'm gonna wake up and hear that he was born. I know I'm gonna be really glad to see him when he comes out. I anticipate that he will be crying a lot and that I will be burping him."

Hannah went on to say that kids, too, should have a chance to talk about what they want to talk about in the newspaper. She told me that kids should send letters to me so I could tell everybody what they have to say.

I agree! So kids, write or e-mail me about what you want to talk about and let's do it.

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New Diabetes Support Group At Mercy Hospital

Persons with diabetes and their families can find information, understanding, and inspiration at meetings of a new group sponsored by the Joslin Diabetes Center affiliate at Mercy Hospital.

The support group's next meeting will take place Wednesday, Aug. 2nd, 6:00-8:00 p.m. in the hospital's Deliso Conference Center, 299 Carew St. The free sessions offer an opportunity to share questions and concerns with health care professionals and others with diabetes; a variety of topics will be presented monthly.

For more information and to register, call the Joslin Diabetes Center affiliate at Mercy Hospital, (413) 748-7000.

Smoking Cessation Support Group At Mercy Hospital

A support group for persons interested in quitting smoking meets Mondays, 6:00-7:00 p.m. in the fifth floor conference room at Mercy Hospital, 271 Carew St.

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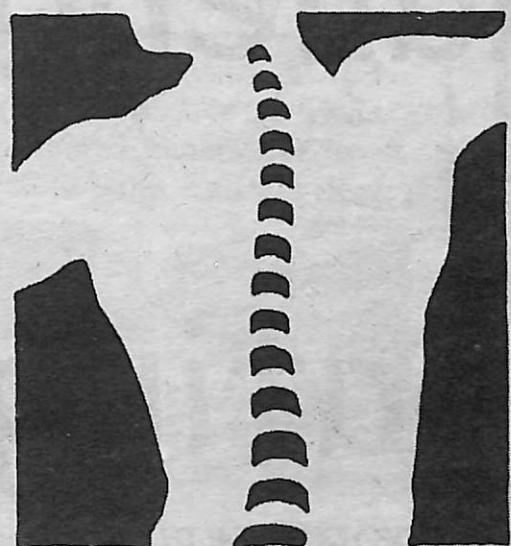
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Thinning Bones Of Amenorrheic Athletes

Recently I came across an article entitled, "Thinning Bones of Amenorrheic Athletes." It caught my interest because I have had several patients who are serious athletes who happen to believe that lack of a regular menstrual cycle is a sign of good training.

Unfortunately, this is an erroneous thought. These female athletes would do better to regard amenorrhea (lack of menstrual cycle) as a sign of impending ill health that could have lifelong consequences.

A new study underscores the point that amenorrhea in competitive female athletes damages the spine and other bones. Bone-loading training habits cannot counteract the damage imposed by hormonal and other abnormalities.

The study compared 10 amenorrheic runners to 10 runners with normal menses to see how menstrual status impacted on bone health. The groups were matched for age, height, and amount of training. The 10 amenorrheic runners had significantly lower bone mineral density at multiple sites than the runners with normal menses. It appears that weight-bearing activity does not seem to completely compensate for the side effects of reduced estrogen levels even in weight-bearing bones in the lower extremity and spine.


The study illustrates how many female competitive runners seem to cheat their bodies nutritionally. Sports medicine specialists generally counsel amenorrheic athletes to address their hormonal problems by increasing calorie intake and decrease training. Often, competitive athletes are reluctant to do either. Some attempt to modify hormonal levels through oral contraceptives or hormone replacement therapy. The problem with this is that there is scant high-quality scientific documentation of the long-term effects of hormonal therapy in young athletes.

It appears the bottom line is - if your athletic training is so intense that your menstrual cycle is affected, it's too much. Listen to your body. It's saying something! It may not be worth giving up lifelong good health to achieve a higher athletic level.

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Mercy Hospital Hosts Cancer Support Group

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The group offers information on topics of interest to cancer patients, and provides an opportunity to share experiences in a friendly, supportive atmosphere. Meetings are facilitated by Sr. Madeleine Joy, S.P., of Mercy Hospital's Pastoral Care Department.

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Agawam Support Group Sponsored By The NAMI-WM

On the last Monday of each month, a support group sponsored by the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill of Western Massachusetts is held at the Agawam Council On Aging, 68 Meadowbrook Manor, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Groups sponsored by the NAMI-WM are facilitated by persons who have had years of experience with mental illness, either directly or as family members of an ill person. At most meetings, there will be people present who have varying degrees of experience and knowledge about mental illness. Others have only recently faced the problems created by mental illness.

The support group meetings are intended to supply emotional support and information. Discussions are honest and open, but no one is expected to talk about anything he or she would rather not discuss. *Everything said at these meetings is kept confidential.*

If you are interested in joining and would like to receive more information about the support group, please contact Lucille Drewnowski at 786-1236.

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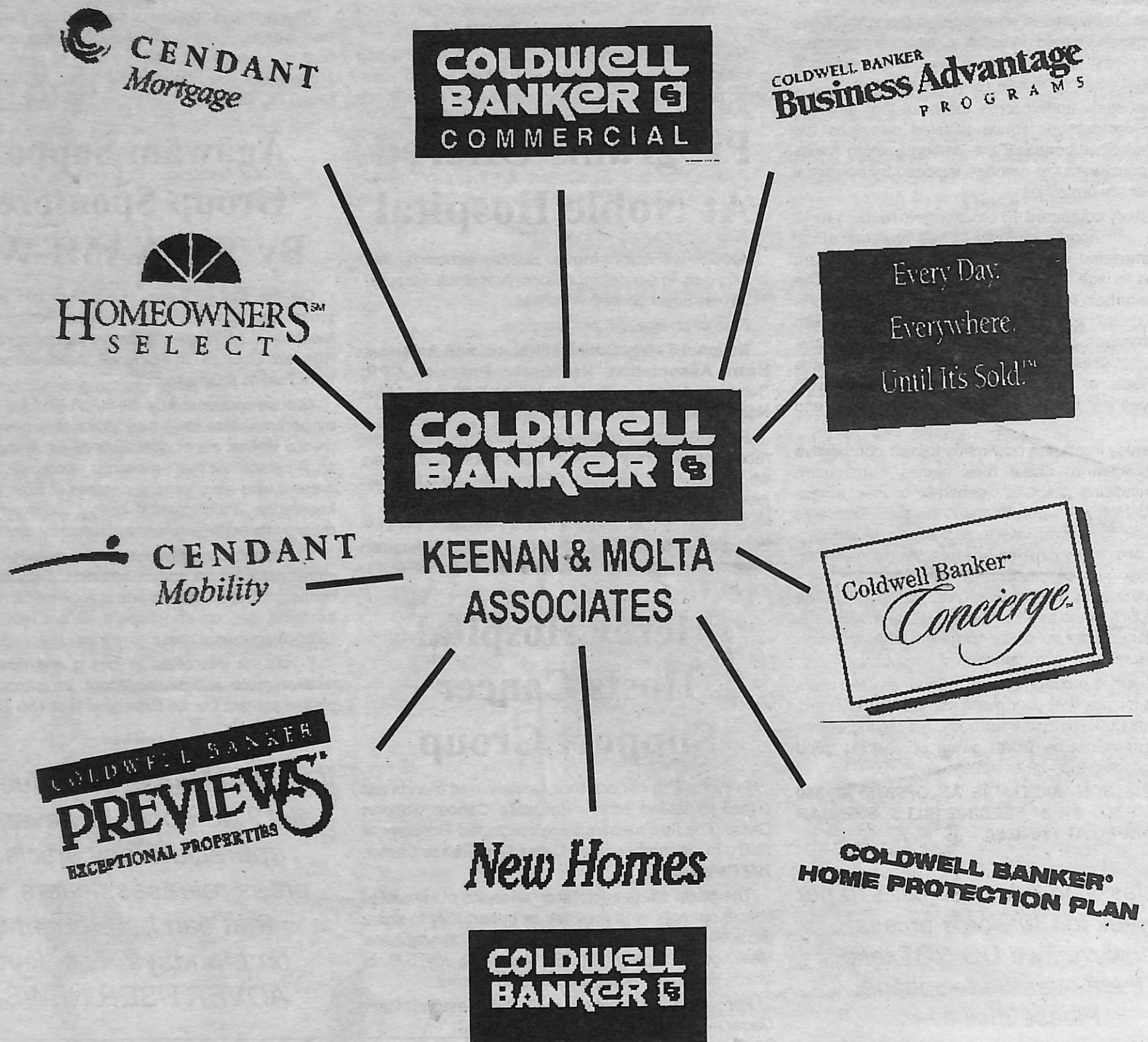
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All About Lobster

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Today, we are happy with a one-pounder boiled and dunked in lemon butter. This is the time of year for them. In the winter, the fishermen have to charge more because the catch is smaller and it's tougher to be out on the water.

Go to Cappaccio's on Cooper Street and ask for "Lobster Fra Diavolo." You can make good lobster at home, though, with this recipe.

Stop in at Boston Sea Foods on the corner of Main

and Union Streets in Springfield. Ask them to kill the lobster for you and go right home and cook it and eat.

In your saute-pan, put 3 tb butter, 1 tb olive oil, 2 tb minced shallots, a pinch of fresh parsley, salt & pepper (light), and a shot of brandy. Place your lobster in. Make sure that you have separated the claws and cut in half. Cut the arms in half (lengthwise). The tail should be split down the middle. Use the bodies to make stock.

Saute 'til the lobster has turned color and then pour on 1/4 cup champagne and cover for a minute or two. The dish is done. Serve with buttered noodles, asparagus, and more champagne.

Make a Caesar salad and place chunks of cooked lobster meat. Fill an avocado with lobster and pour over this a nice remoulade sauce for an appetizer.

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The schedule of presentations is as follows:

August 5 - Wood Sculpture by Walter DePretto and Bernie Gaudette; **August 6** - Garden Benches - David Bowman; **August 12** - Costume Design - Janet Cort; **August 13** - To be announced; **August 19** - Animal Pen and Ink Sketches; **August 20** - Pottery -

Rene Patenaude; **August 26 - 27** - Weaver - Chris Hamel and **September 2** - Pressed Flower Art - James Pow.

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Theater Planning "Majestic" Line-Up

Following the success of its season-ending musical *Man of La Mancha*, the Theater Project has announced upcoming summer events featuring talent from its previous hit shows, according to Producing Director Danny Eaton.

On Saturday, August 12th, "The Majestic Divas" will take the stage at the Majestic Theater at 8:00 p.m. Comprised of Jamie Liddell (*Leader of the Pack*), Amy Rist (*Side Show, Man of La Mancha*), and Christine St. Amant (*Blood Brothers, Side Show, The Winds of Fashioning Time*), the trio will perform some of the show tunes that have endeared them to Theater Project audiences, in addition to several popular songs. Musical Director Mitch Chakour (*Blood Brothers*) will accompany the ladies on keyboard.

Fans of *The Buddy Holly Story* will be glad to see the return of The Majestics on Saturday, August 19th to the theater that launched them in 1997. Singer/guitarist Ben Ashley, who played the title role in *Buddy*, will be joined by fellow bandmates Stacy Ashley (who played Vi Petty), guitarist Aaron Porchelli (*The Big Bopper*), drummer Tim Hosmer (Jerry Allison), bassist Don Rovero, and keyboardist Tom Ingram. The show will begin at 8:00 p.m.

Cultivating and showcasing local talent has been the primary mission of the Theater Project. When the group re-opened the Majestic Theater three years ago, a permanent performance site was established for many local singers, actors, and crew members. The resounding success of the Theater Project's first show at the Majestic, *The Buddy Holly Story*, led to a return engagement the following year, and the creation of the Majestics, who perform regularly in the area.

Tickets for both shows will be \$8-\$10 and can be purchased by calling the box office at the Majestic Theater at (413) 747-7797 or visiting the theater at 131 Elm Street in West Springfield. Box office hours are Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday, 2:00-5:00 p.m.; Wednesday, 4:00-8:00 p.m.; and Saturday, 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Beer and wine will be on sale during the performances.

In addition to the concerts, the Majestic Theater will also present a performance by Second to Mecca, a Monson-based pop band, at 8:00 p.m. on July 29th, as well as two evenings of sketch comedy by Disturbed Theater at 8:00 p.m. on August 4th and 5th.

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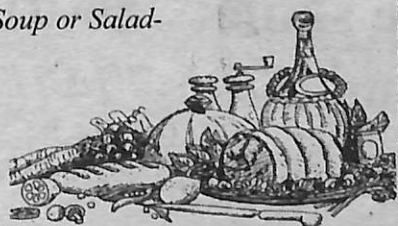
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"Pisano's Picks" - The Bad Sequels!

Initially, I did not know why people periodically ask me to review movies they hate. Then I thought about it and realized that it's fun to watch an old, terrible movie. When the opposite of what the director intended happens, humor generally results. This generation has fun laughing at the "man in the rubber suit" first known as Godzilla, or the flying U.F.O. with a string tied to its top. Bad movies ARE amusing in their own way and they do serve one purpose; they make us realize how great good movies really are! (This does not apply when I pan a film based on violence, gratuitous content, or tastelessness. I would never recommend such film waste as watchable.)

In the past 25 years, Hollywood has generated many such films that future generations are sure to laugh at. These films all have something in common ... the motive for filming them was money and not film-making. Whenever I see some bad movies that are a riot to watch, I'll include them here in a future feature edition of "Pisano's Picks." This edition's topic is ... "The Bad Sequels!"

* "Exorcist II - The Heretic": 1977, Rated R.

Webster's Dictionary defines "heretic" as "one who rejects the commonly accepted beliefs." Linda Blair returns as Regan MacNeill (although I'm not sure why) in this needless sequel to the classic thriller "The Exorcist." Max von Sydow, whose performance in the title role again is the only good thing in the film, also returns from the original. Surprisingly, this film had some additional talent, including Richard Burton, James Earl Jones, and Ned Beatty.

"Exorcist II - The Heretic" is virtually plotless. The story has something to do with Regan's mental anguish from the horror she'd suffered through. She begins some sort of therapy when the story suddenly, and periodically, shifts to the Far East. Through von Sydow's character of Father Merrin, we learn that the demon that possessed Regan in the first film had a name - Pazuzu. This demon apparently possessed a lot of people in the region. Good reason for a sequel? No.

I find this film humorous because the actors seem to be taking their roles too seriously, considering the subject matter. Normally this is admirable, but they surely must have known that this picture would be awful. There are a few eye-opening special effects, especially during the climax. Speaking of the climax, it is so ridiculous that I'll let that be the surprise.

"Exorcist II - The Heretic" took William Peter Blatty's original story about a random and mysterious Satanic possession and tried to put a name to the demon and a history to the occurrence that proved to be nothing more than an excuse to capitalize on the popularity of the original. **1 STAR.**

* "Grease 2": 1982, Rated PG.

Frankie Avalon must have had a premonition when he sang that "Grease" is the word because "Grease 2" certainly isn't! This film is another example of the pointless sequel that simply copies its predecessor. The reason it is watchable is largely due to the musical numbers; those scenes are always nice to watch.

The plot centers around a group of seniors at Rydell High. Sound familiar? There's the John Travolta clone in Adrien Zmed, and the Olivia Newton-John clone in Michelle Pfeiffer. I don't know what Pfeiffer was doing in this movie, and judging from her performance I don't think she did, either.

The fun of this movie comes from the memories it conjures up from "Grease." It is very entertaining to watch all involved try to pull this off, which is essentially the same story a few years later. Watch this one for fun; but if you want a good sequel to "Grease,"

then watch it, rewind it, and watch it again because repeated viewings of "Grease 2" is sure to clog your arteries. **1 STAR.**

* "Jaws 3-D": 1983, Rated PG.

"Jaws" was a motion picture classic. "Jaws 2" was a superb sequel. Where this waterlogged disaster came from is beyond me. The plot involves a very bogus-looking great white shark breaking into Sea World to rescue its equally bogus-looking offspring. Park head Calvin Bouchard (Louis Gossett, Jr.) panics with Mike Brody (Dennis Quaid) and his visiting, water-fearing brother, Sean Brody (supposedly Roy Scheider's kids from the first two). Did the screenwriters say, "The Sean Brody character is petrified of the water, so let's have him go visit his brother at Sea World"?

The plot is immediately destroyed and made humorous from the fact that sharks do not have any maternal instincts whatsoever. Shoddy and laughably bad scenes abound from beginning to end. The shark scenes, with a few exceptions, are as threatening as one of those rubber sharks you could get from the local toy store for filming in the bathtub. I think this film would have been more realistic if the shark attacked people on land.

You will, however, be spared from wearing those corny 3-D glasses, for the home video version does not require them. The extremely campy finale somehow seems fitting to this film's mentality. As a "Jaws" fan, I would normally tell you to avoid this toothless installment like the plague, but it is so laughably terrible that it is sure to go down in movie history as a bad movie classic. The shark sure lost its bite quick with "Jaws 3-D" and sank just as fast. **1 STAR.**

* "PISANO'S PICKS" REVIEW GUIDE: 5 STARS

- Extraordinary; **4 STARS** - Excellent; **3 STARS** - Good; **2 STARS** - Average; **1 STAR** - Watchable; **0 STARS** - Avoid.

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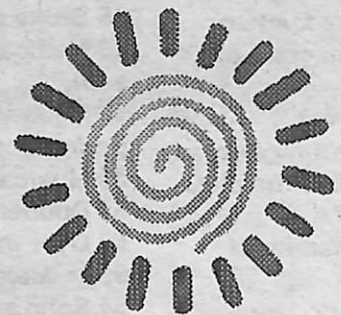
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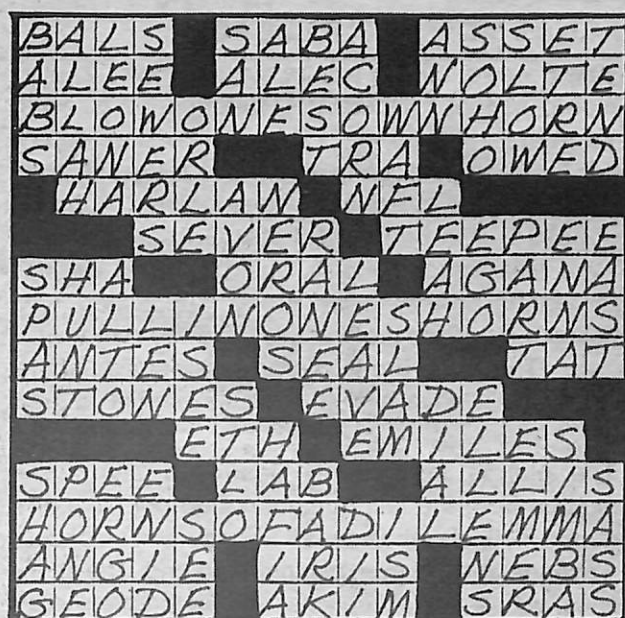


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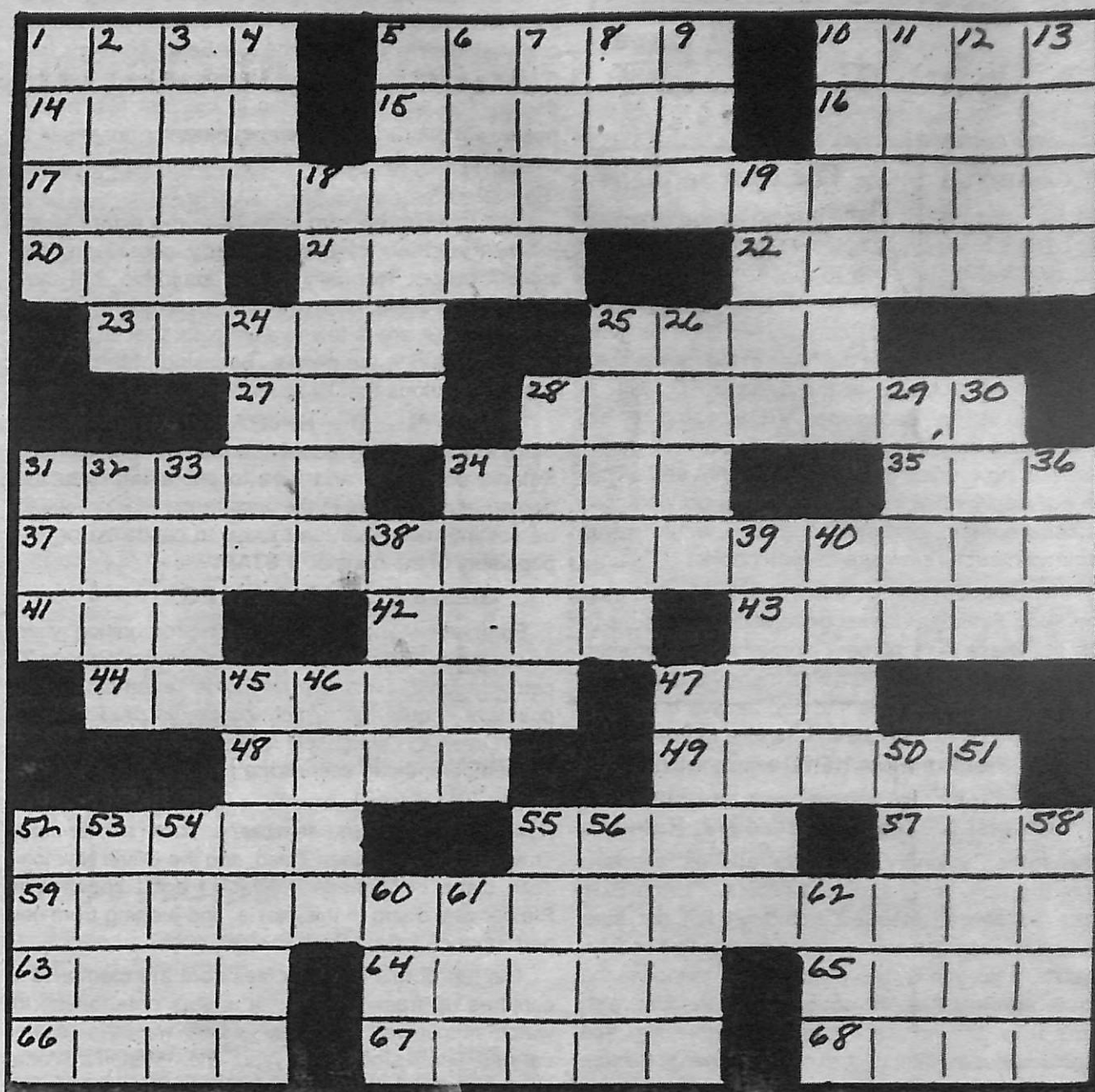
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This visit is being donated by McDonald's and is open to all Agawam and Feeding Hills families. Parents are encouraged to bring their cameras for photos after the show.

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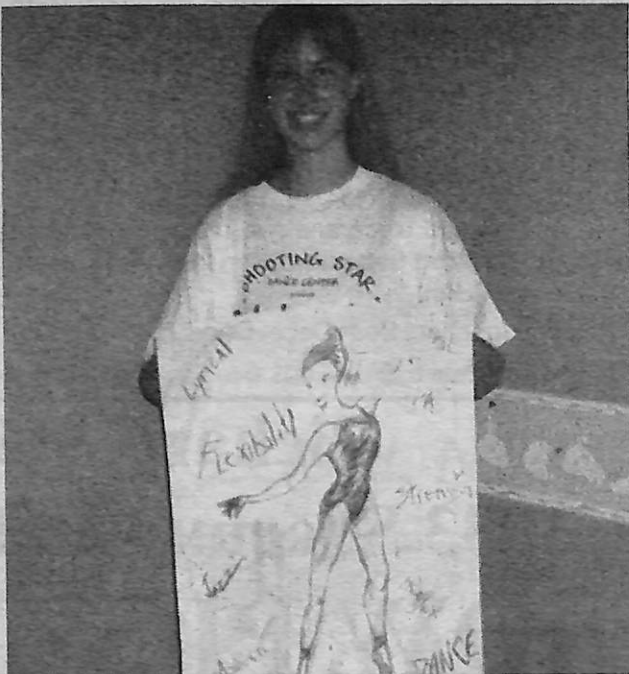
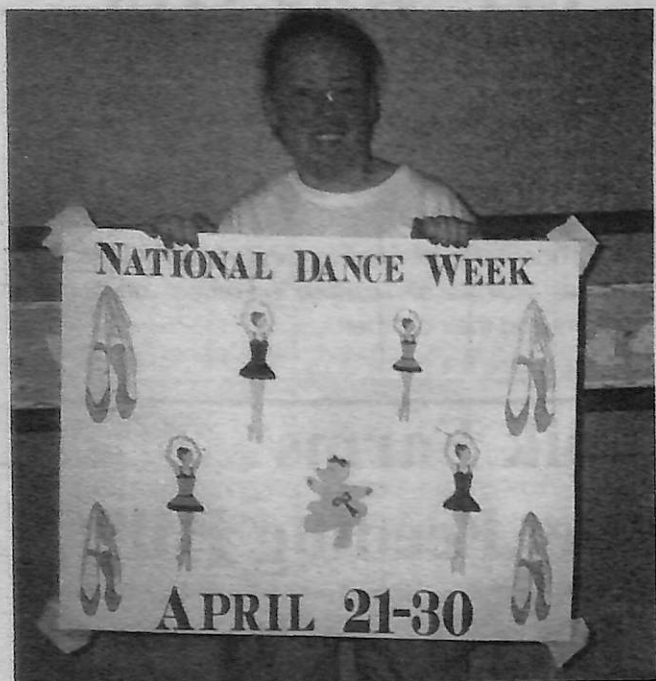
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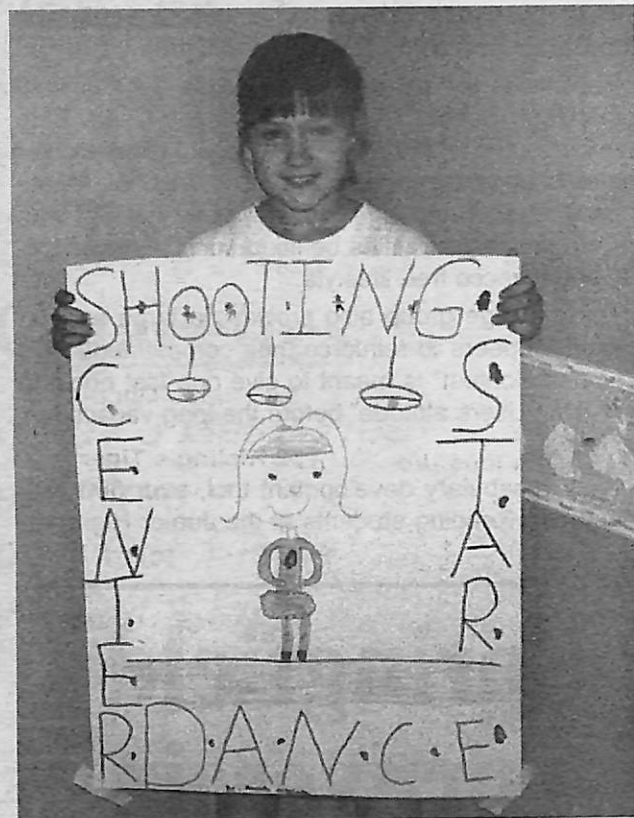
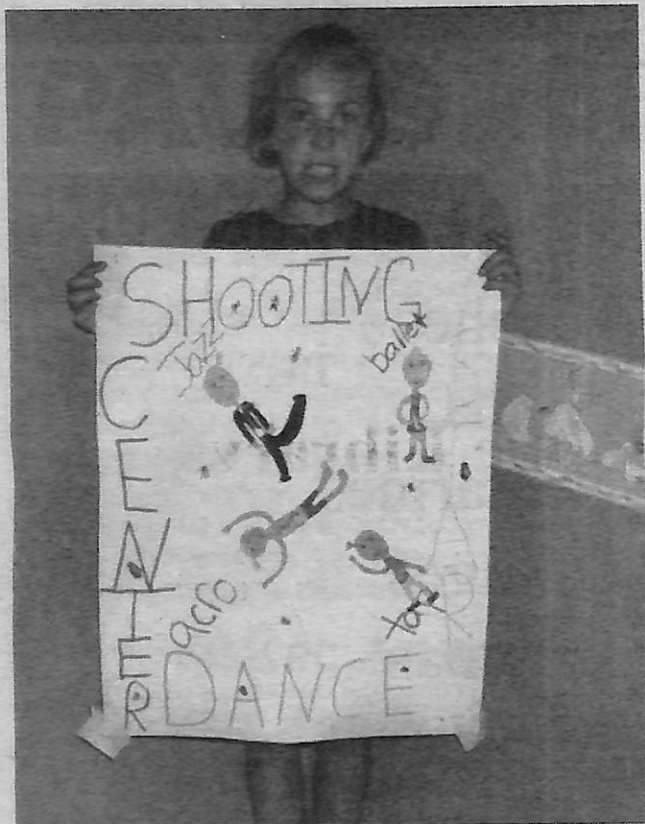


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SHOOTING STAR DANCE CENTER on Springfield Street in Agawam celebrated "National Dance Week" by putting together a display to support the week-long national event with a display at the Agawam Public Library. Holding their posters that were on display included, from left - Kelly Horton, Maryann Spring, and instructor Brenda Hadden.



SHOOTING STAR DANCERS, from left - Ashley Fink, Amber Fink, and Amanda Arbelaez show off their posters designed to celebrate National Dance Week.

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End-Of-Year Activities For Non-Users Club

To help members remember their pledges over the summer, the Agawam Junior High Non-Users Club again held its annual "Summer Contest" in which the following thought had to be completed: *I'm going to stay alcohol, drug and tobacco free this summer because...*

Winning first place and four movie tickets was **Erin Richardson** with the following entry: *"I'm going to stay alcohol, drug and tobacco free this summer because I owe it to myself, my family and my community to be the best that I can possibly be. And that, to me, means to stay drug free."*

Second place and two movie tickets went to **Noelle Serafino's** entry. *"I'm going to stay alcohol, drug and tobacco free this summer because I want to be able to stay healthy and be capable of doing all I enjoy. I don't want to ruin my reputation, life and possibly others' lives. In the fall, I want to do all the fun things in the Non-Users Club I did this year."*

Gina Graziano's entry earned third place and two movie tickets. *"I'm going to stay alcohol, drug and tobacco free this summer because I want to have a good time. I know that with any drug, it slows me down and I can't perform to my full ability. I love sports and other activities and I want to be able to do these things without hesitation. I want to be healthy."*

Honorable mention went to excellent entries by **Rita Baranov, Ashley Gorman and Emily Lathrop.**

The movie tickets were provided by the Agawam Junior High School PTO. The 334 Non-Users Club members (about half the school population) signed contracts agreeing to stay away from alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs. In return, they have been provided with monthly activities befitting such a drug, alcohol, and tobacco free lifestyle.

Such a large group also provides a large support network of peers to reinforce their commitment. This "Summer Contest" is meant to give one last boost to their "Non-Users attitude" before the long vacation.

As a vocabulary development tool, over 300 seventh-grade Reading students at the Junior High par-

ticipated in "preliminary rounds" of a SCRABBLE Tournament. Results from the games were then compared and the students with the four highest average scores and present in school on the day of the results competed in a final round.

With 135 points in the final round, **Vanessa Tencati** won first place and a \$50 Savings Bond, along with a gift package for two to the Showcase Cinemas. Winning a second place and two movie tickets was **Joe Koehler.** **Scott Settembro** won third place, along with a movie ticket.

Reading teachers Doris DeLevo and Jim Ryan supplied the prizes.

Covered Wagon Lady At Library Fri., Aug.11th

Storyteller Linda King will be performing as the Covered Wagon Lady at the Agawam Public Library on Friday, August 11 at 10:00 a.m.

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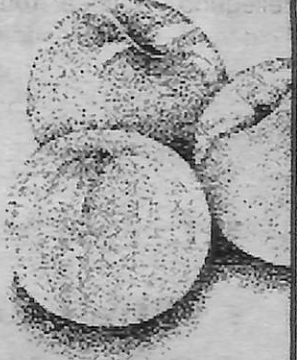


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Aimee Loudfoot Receives Award At HCC

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During the recent Awards Presentation at HCC, Aimee was awarded the "Plaque of the Class of 1954." This award recognizes one student for their leadership, scholarship, and athletic achievement. The award was presented to Aimee by the first recipient of this award, the college president, Dr. David Bartley.

Senator Linda Melconian also acknowledged this award by sending Aimee a letter of congratulations on her achievements.

Aimee broke the school record for the number of goals scored during her soccer seasons and she also made Western Mass. while at HCC.

A special thank you goes out to her Pioneer Valley soccer coaches for all of their knowledge, skill, encouragement, and support, especially during those rough four years. It paid off.

Thank you, coaches John O'Brien and Dominic Candido. Great job!

Local Students On Spfld. Christian School Dean's List

Springfield Christian School, 627 State Street, Springfield is pleased to announce our High Honors and Honor students for the school year ending June 2000.

High Honor students: Drisana Henry, Caitlin Jendrysik, Lauren Heiden, Christopher Neffinger, Cassandra Nicholson, Rachel Deschaine, Kara Pellegrino, Alatheia Young, Ashley Thomo, Caitlin Fitzgerald, Derek Jendrysik, and Joy Chandler.

Honor students: Michael Schnepp, Alex White, Christin Rosazza, Christina McGorty, Shannon Mahoney, Milos Krsticevic, Wesley Swan, Naomi Ketchum, and Meghan Deschaine.

Park & Rec Announces Perry Lane Nursery School Openings

The Town of Agawam Parks & Recreation Dept. Perry Lane Nursery School has openings for the 2000-2001 school year.

Children who are age three by October 1st are eligible for the two-day-a-week program for \$60 per month. Children who are age four by October 1st are eligible for the three-day-a-week program for \$75 per month.

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Courtney Locke Named To Dean's List At Holy Cross

Courtney Locke, a second year student at the College of the Holy Cross, has been named to the Dean's List for the second semester of the 1999-00 academic year.

She is the daughter of Joanne and Rick Locke of 78 Jennie Circle, Agawam. She majors in political science, and next year (second semester) she will be an intern in Washington, D.C.

Founded in 1843, Holy Cross is the oldest Catholic College in New England. It is a highly selective, academically rigorous, Jesuit, liberal arts college, with an enrollment of about 2,700 men and women.

Christina M. Januska Named To Dean's List At The Elm's College

Christina Marie Januska, daughter of Richard and Lise Januska of Feeding Hills, has been named to the Elm's College Dean's List by Dr. Anne Harrison, Academic Dean.

The Dean's List is composed of students who have earned a grade point average of 3.50 or better.

Ms. Januska is a 1998 graduate of Agawam High School and a previous recipient of the United States Achievement Academy All American Scholar Collegiate Award. She is a member of the Class of 2002 and is majoring in psychology and special needs education.

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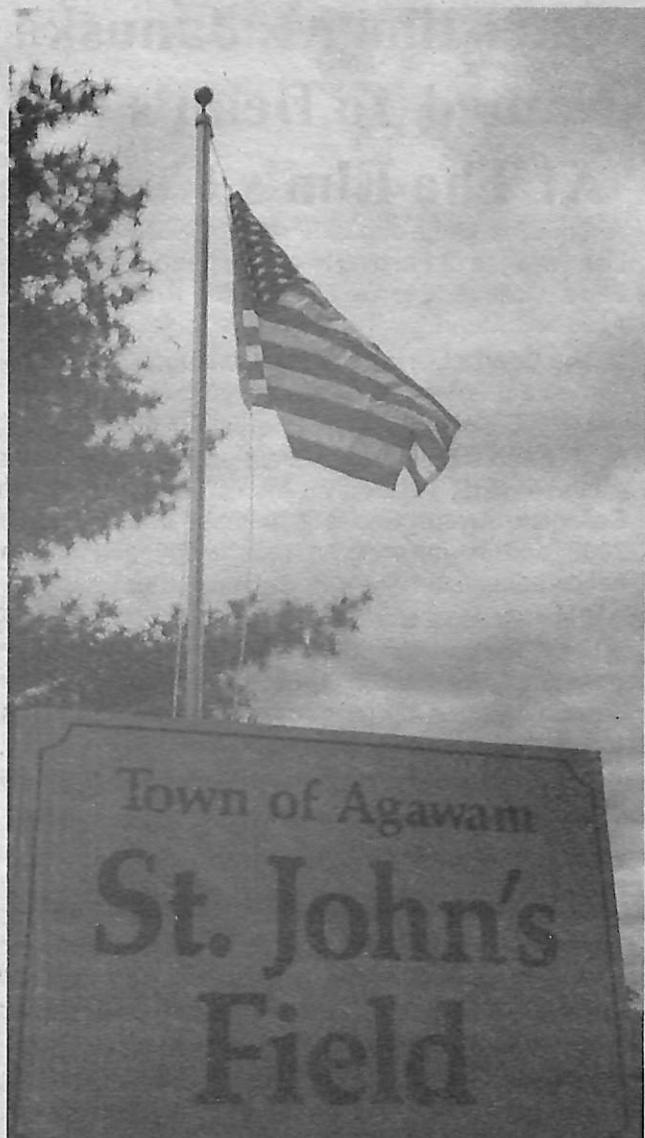
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The following local students were bachelor's degree candidates:

From Agawam: John A. Krawiec, Scott M. Litchfield, Xuan Ly, David R. Mailloux, John C. Mailloux. **From Feeding Hills:** Shawn P. Anderson, Michelle S. Butler, Joy E. Clark, Holly M. Drobot, Steven W. Freeman, Valerie A. Moran, Heather A. Morgan.

Andrew St. Jean Completes Second Year At The Citadel

Andrew St. Jean, a 1998 graduate of Agawam High School, has recently completed his second year at The Citadel in Charleston, South Carolina. Andrew achieved Gold Star (3.7 GPA) status for the academic year while carrying a classload of 43 credit hours.

Andrew has been inducted into Phi Alpha Theta, the National Honor Society for History. He was also nominated for and received a scholarship to attend a summer study program in History at the prestigious University of Cambridge in England.

Andrew departed for England on July 7th and will return on August 11th. He is the son of Denis and Susan St. Jean of Feeding Hills.

Our deadline is each Tuesday at 12:00 noon; however, we appreciate any articles, press releases, letters, etc., that can be brought in on Mondays. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter ...
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PACK 77 CUB SCOUTS RECITE the Pledge Of Allegiance during their flag raising ceremony at St. John's field (in photo above). The new flagpole in all its glory (left photo).

Pack 77 Cub Scouts Work On Community Project

Pack 77 Cub Scouts continue to have a busy season, including Memorial Day festivities that didn't end with the parade. Continuing on to St. John's Field, the scouts held a small ceremony for the first official flag raising of the new flagpole.

Working on the community project, assistant leader Bill Anderson organized the clean-up, beautification, purchase, and replacement of the new flagpole at St.

John's field.

Along with the old, rusty flagpole, weeds and overgrowth were removed to create a pathway to the newly-installed flagpole. The scouts earned the monies for the new equipment and landscape by holding a car wash at St. John's.

The Cub Scouts will maintain the flagpole area and display Old Glory on patriotic holidays.

Agawam High School Improvement Council Taking Applications

The Agawam High School's School Improvement Council is in need of two community representatives for the 2000-2001 school year. A community representative cannot have a child attending the High School. The Council is composed of students, teachers, parents, and community representatives.

If interested, please submit a letter to Principal Paul C. Cavallo, Agawam High School, 760 Cooper St., Agawam, MA 01001.

If more than two letters of interest are received, a lottery system will be used to select the two community representatives. Meetings are held monthly eight times a year on a

Thursday evening.

Parents/guardians of Agawam High School students who wish to become a member of the School Improvement Council for the 2000-2001 school year must submit a letter of interest to Principal Paul C. Cavallo at Agawam High School at the above address.

The Council is composed of students, teachers, parents, and community representatives. Only six parents will be selected.

If more than six applications are received for parent positions, a lottery system will be used for selection.



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Sports

Women's Softball Playoffs Are Here

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

The end of the regular season is here this week and next for the Agawam Women's Softball League.

Competition has been tough and fair for the most part, with virtually no unsportsmanlike incidents reported. Injuries, unfortunately, are always part of any sport and the way these women play the game - hard, with total effort and commitment to win - these things do happen. They ranged from bumps and bruises and sprains to a broken nose. All were back before the regular season ended.

Defending champion Olive Oils, having successfully defended its regular season crown, is eagerly awaiting the second season. Waiting in the wings to try and knock them off are former champion Checkards, along with Teddy Bear Pools and Southworth Corporation. And a team called A.R.P. can't be counted out. Sometimes a team can come out of nowhere and bite you.

Breakers, a brand new team with a new coaching staff, is not expected to be a threat but we just don't know. Teddy Bear Pools has always been there. They have been together as long as Olive Oils. Checkards and Southworth have struggled a bit as both try to get all their team members on the right page. But the playoffs and the pressure just might be what they all need.

Whatever happens in these playoffs it will be interesting and fun. And the team that comes out on top will certainly have earned the honor. Olive Oils will be tough, but don't expect the rest to roll over. The league is competitive and everyone in the second season will be focused. Spectators and players alike will be treated to the finest brand of softball - hard, clean and fun. Enjoy.

The seedings look like this. Olive Oils #1, Teddy Bear #2, Checkards #3, Southworth #4, A.R.P. #5 and Breakers #6.

Daggett's Gymnasts Compete at U.S. Championships

Four male gymnasts from Tim Daggett's Gold Medal Gymnastics, in Agawam, competed in this week's US Gymnastics Championships in St. Louis, Missouri in hopes of qualifying for US National team membership.

Those ranking in the top 14 of the Senior Division also earned the right to proceed to the Olympic Trials which will be held in Boston, August 17-20th.

Jeff LaVallee, of Stafford, CT, who represents the UMASS team, as well as Daggett's, placed 17th, scoring an 8.8 on Pommel Horse, and 8.7's on both High Bar and Parallel Bars. Following up his national title in the Junior Olympic Program in May, Jamey Houle of Longmeadow, placed second in the 16-18 year old Junior Elite Division. Patrick McFarlin, also from Longmeadow and long-time teammate captured ninth.

Houle's All-Around score was 50.40 closely following David Henderson of Houston Gymnastics, with his best events being Parallel Bars with 8.85 and High Bar with a 8.65. McFarlin's total came in at 48.425. In the Junior Elite, age 14-15 group, Steven Gaudette, of West Springfield, also took ninth place with a 47.125 total.

Although the Junior Elites do not move onto the the Trials, they will be named to the US Junior National Team and qualify for subsequent international competitions.



AGAWAM LIGHTNING TEAM MEMBERS pictured above are (back row, from left): Coach Scott Skolnick, Sara (Moose) Skolnick, Coach Dimitri Moysis, Jennifer (Psycho) Miarecki, Maria (Ria) Doulakis, Tory Lyons, Angela Stork, Laura Pedersen, Ashley (Smit) Smith, Amanda (Minz) Janik, and Coach Beth Pedersen. FRONT ROW (from left): Meghan (Slick) Ennis, Pavlina (Lina) Moysis, Caitlin (Cait) Foley, Elizabeth (Beth) Loughman, Meghan (Megz) Gloster, Joanne (Jo) Brignoli, Ashley Velosky, and Katherine (Bitz) Bitzas. Missing from photo: Rachel (Rach) Keenan.



AGAWAM LIGHTNING TEAM MEMBERS enjoyed a final get-together at Ocean Beach, Connecticut. Pictured above are (from left) Jen Miarechi, Angela Stork, Meghan Ennis, Sara Skolnick, Laura Pedersen, Lina Moysis, Katherine Bitzas, Caitlin Foley, Maria Doulakis, Tory Lyons, Joanne Brignoli, Beth Loughman, and Ashley Velosky.

Agawam Lightning Concludes Last Season In Pioneer Valley Jr. Soccer League

The Agawam Lightning has concluded its last season in the Pioneer Valley Junior Soccer League. In the spring 2000 season, the team finished second in both the regular season and post-season playoffs in a strong first division.

In their 12 seasons of play, the Lightning finished in first place five times and in second place five times, which gave them the best over-all record for their age group in the Pioneer Valley Junior Soccer League.

The team has played in tournaments in both Massachusetts and Connecticut and has won Agawam's own Riverside Soccer Classic. They have earned awards for both their play and sportsmanship.

For their final get-together, the team went to Ocean Beach, Connecticut for a day, where they enjoyed each other's company, hopefully, not for the last time.

The girls are now moving on to high school, where they will be continuing their soccer careers. The friendships that were made on the team will survive longer than the memories of the scores of the games and the successes on the field.

The coaches wish to thank the girls, their families, and fans of the team for their continued help and support over the years. On a personal note, the head coach, Scott Skolnick and his family wish to thank this inspiring group of girls for a wonderful experience.

"It has been a pleasure and a privilege to coach and to watch the players grow from the young girls that began the Lightning to the mature, fine, young women that they have become," Skolnick said.

We wish all the players the best of luck and success in their future endeavors.

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TEAM MEMBERS OF THE SUMMER 2000 CHAMPIONSHIP Babe Ruth team included, back row (from left), Coach Tom Hamilton, Coach Fred Perry, Ben "The Captain" Krolicki, Aaron D'Amario, Mike Mason, Justin Perry, Mike Witherell, David Witherell, and Coach Tom Korney. Front row: Brendan Cayer, Kyle Perry, Anthony Manzi, Eric Porth, Ryan Witherell, and Dan Korney

Bridgeport Bindery Yankees Win Babe Ruth Title

Coach Fred Perry's Bridgeport Bindery Yankees won the Agawam Babe Ruth Title recently with a convincing 12-4 win over the regular season champs, the Berkshire Power Padres.

This was the third league championship won by the Yankees. The first two came under Coach George Cornwell, who built a strong team led by former AHS star Austin Kimball (now at Springfield College.)

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AHS Fall Sports Physical Exam & Tryout Schedules

In order to be eligible to try out for a fall athletic team at Agawam High School, potential student-athletes **must** submit an M.I.A.A. Physical Examination Form signed by both a doctor and parent/guardian.

Forms are available in the main office and Director of Athletics' office at Agawam High School. Potential candidates may have a physical examination done by their own doctor or done by the school's doctor. In either case, a potential student-athlete must submit this form before he/she may try out for any team.

Physical examinations will be given at Agawam High School, in the nurses' office, on the following dates and times:

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 23rd: 8:30, **ALL Football**; 9:30, Varsity and JV Boys' soccer; 10:00, Boys' Cross Country; 10:15, Golf; 10:30, Varsity and JV Girls' Soccer; 11:00, Varsity and JV Field Hockey; 11:30, Girls' Volleyball.

MONDAY, AUGUST 28th: 8:30, Freshmen Boys' Soccer; 9:00, Freshmen Girls' Soccer; 9:45, Freshmen Field Hockey; 10:00, Gymnastics; 10:15, Girls' Cross Country.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 30th: 8:00, Make-up physical for boys; 8:30, Make-up physical for girls.

TRYOUT SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 23rd: Girls' Volleyball Sign-ups (after physicals); 1st Day Non-Contact Conditioning Football.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 24th: 2nd Day Non-Contact Conditioning Football.

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MONDAY, AUGUST 28th: All teams begin tryouts.

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COACH GREG URBAN is seen with members of the Sacred Heart Athletic Association East Team after their recent win.

Sacred Heart AA Holds First Annual All-Star Tournament

SHAA, under the tournament leadership of Norman Gilbert and Andy Fondakowski, is hosting its first Annual DPL All-Star Tournament. The players are all eight years of age and come from Agawam, Southwick, and West Springfield, with a total of five teams.

We're hoping to have more surrounding area teams to join us next year. SHAA has two teams; the East Team, coached by Greg Urban, and the West Team, coached by Brian Regnier.

The first series of games were held this past week-

end. All the boys played their hearts out in the sunshine and the rain. The double elimination series began this past Tuesday, with the championship game to be held on Saturday, August 5th.

ALL-STAR STANDINGS AS OF 7/30/00

Southwick	2-0
Agawam Little League	2-0
SHAA East	1-1
West Springfield	0-2
SHAA West	0-2

Golf Tip Of The Week...

by Eric Nelson, PGA
Head Golf Professional
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Agawam Women's Softball League (Final Standings)

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Teddy Bear Pools	15	5	0	30
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Southworth	11	8	0	22
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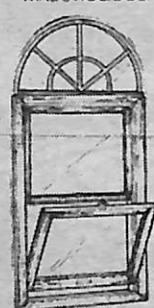
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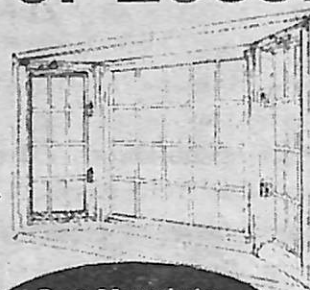
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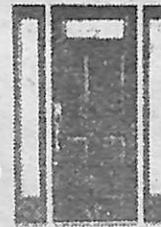
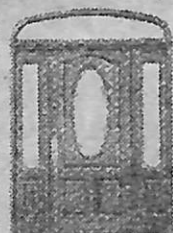
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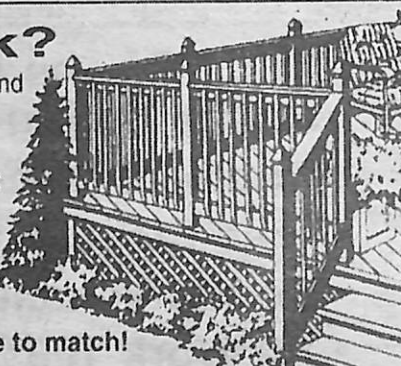
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Freshman Softball Completes Good Season



AGAWAM HIGH FRESHMAN SOFTBALL COACH AL O'QUINN and his hardworking team completed a good season on the softball diamonds this past spring. Team members pictured above are, top row (from left), O'Quinn, Rebecca Berte (captain), Stacey Boisjolie, Nicole Circosta-Aspinall, Samantha Waite, Ashley Mutti, Ashley Robidoux, and Nicki Gessay. Front row (from left), captain Gina Saimer, Andrea Conte, Ashlee Montessi, Ciara Groom, Lindsay Francis, Laura Bovat, and captain Amanda Stork. Advertiser News photo by Dave Rollins.

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AGAWAM HIGH GIRLS' TRACK MEMBERS Kelly Cassidy (left) and Angela Buendo were two of the participants at the Annual Bay State Summer Games held at Worcester State College.

Local Girls Participate In Track & Field Games

Three members of the Agawam High School Varsity girls' track team recently participated in the Bay State 2000 Summer Track and Field Games held at Worcester State College.

Kelly Cassidy, a Division I, All-Western Mass. performer for the Brownies this past spring, competed in the 15-to-17-year-old scholastic division. Cassidy received a second place medal in the triple jump with a leap of 34 feet, nine inches and was third in the high

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Annual Golf Tourney & Family Picnic...

Lisa Ziegert Fund Gets Big Boost From Annual Event

by Kathy Shepard
Feature Editor

The Annual Lisa M. Ziegert Memorial Fund Golf Tournament and Family Picnic was held on Sunday, July 16th with ideal weather conditions. The tragic 1992 murder of Lisa Ziegert goes frustratingly unsolved, but friends and family have gathered every year since then in her honor for this event.

Through generous donations of many individuals and the hard work of Jack Patterson, The Lisa M. Ziegert Memorial Fund was established in 1992, soon after Lisa's funeral. Since then, the fund has donated over \$20,000 to the students and to the community of Agawam.

Some examples of the contributions from Lisa's Fund are 17 scholarships, a computer for Agawam Middle School, a tenor saxophone for the Agawam High School Band, books for the Agawam Junior High School and High School libraries, monetary donation to Agawam High School's Science Department for a DNA course, camperships for Perry Lane Camp, a TV monitor, video recorder and TV stand for the Sacred Heart Parish CCD, and a monetary donation to the Agawam Helmut Fund.

The golf tournament is the Memorial Fund's only fundraiser. The tournament draws over 130 golfers, most of them people who have played in the tournament since its first year. Former Mayor Christopher C. Johnson played this year, as did State Representative Daniel F. Keenan, town teachers, school officials, friends and family. Many came only to the picnic to show support of Lisa's memory.

The golf tournament was held at Agawam Municipal Golf Course and the picnic took place at the Agawam Polish Club, across the street from the golf course. At least 200 people were at the picnic, enjoying the musical selections of Doug Reed of DJ Sound Productions.

After everyone had eaten, Dee Ziegert, Lisa's mother, introduced Christopher Holl and his family. Christopher became an Eagle Scout recently, making the memorial courtyard at Agawam Middle School, previously dedicated to Lisa Zieger's memory, his special project. Keeping a photo album of "before," "during," and "after" pictures, Holl gave a complete facelift to the courtyard by cleaning, designing, landscaping, planting shrubs and flowers, and building a flagstone area.

Mrs. Ziegert then introduced Mayor Richard A. Cohen, who spoke in Lisa's memory. "It was a horrifying and heinous act toward not only the family, but the entire community of Agawam. The tribute of the people who showed up here today shows the impact that Lisa made on this community in her short time with us. Although it is a sad time, it is also a happy time that Lisa's memory will live on through this annual event."

This Year's Scholarship Recipients

The Mayor also presented this year's scholarships, which went to Mary Claire Manning, Katelyn White (accepted by her parents), Stephanie Ceccarini, Nicole Chapman, and Lynn Hopkins. There was a children's raffle drawing, a regular raffle drawing, and a special raffle drawing.

The Lisa M. Ziegert Memorial Golf Tournament Committee was made up of Mark Rogerson, committee chairman, and members Shelley Borgatti-Reed, Barbara & Tom Connery, Janis & Roger DeGrandpre, Sophia Maynard, Tom Perrillo, Ann Phillips, Lynne Rogerson, Donna Valletti, and Dee & George Ziegert.

The winners in the golf tournament were: Longest Drive Female, Cathy Molta; Longest Drive Male, Craig DeCoiacomio; Hole #3 Closest to Pin (Female), Eleanor Corridan, (Male), Gil Herbert; Hole #13 Closest to Pin (Female), Sharon Ziegert [Lisa's sister], (Male), Charlie Gable.

First Place team was Aaron Vanderhoof (captain),

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SHARING ONE OF THE MANY HAPPY MOMENTS at the Annual Lisa Ziegert Memorial Golf Tournament were (top left photo) Lisa's mother, Dee Ziegert, and Mayor Richard A. Cohen. In right photo, Sharon Ziegert, Lisa's youngest sister, won the "Closest to the Pin" contest on hole 13 at the Memorial Golf Tournament. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.



THE WINNING FOURSOME DISPLAY THE HARDWARE at the Lisa Ziegert Memorial Golf Tournament held at the Agawam Municipal Golf Course (with dinner held at the Polish Club). From left, Mike Pellegrino, team captain Aaron Vanderhoof, Mike Loomer, and Joe Modzelewski. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.



COMMITTEE MEMBERS of the Ninth Annual Lisa Ziegert Memorial Golf Tournament were elated over the success of this year's effort, held at the Agawam Municipal Golf Course and at the Polish American Club. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.

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Agawam 9-10 All Stars Collect For Jimmy Fund

The Agawam 9-10 All Star team is currently in the middle of the New England Jimmy Fund Tournament. The team is undefeated and looking towards their goal of winning this prestigious tournament.

In addition, this tournament is also a fundraiser for the Jimmy Fund. The team that raises the most money in each district will be allowed to attend a Red Sox game at Fenway Park.

Last year's team was successful in accomplishing this and this year's team is off to a great start. The

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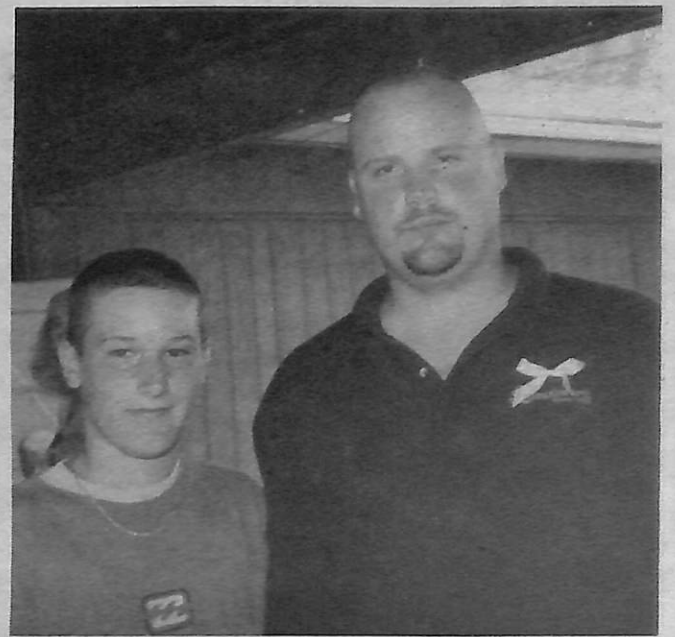
Anyone wishing to contribute to the Jimmy Fund through the Agawam Little League can do so by sending contributions to the Agawam Little League, P.O. Box 778, Agawam, MA 01001. Please make checks payable to the Jimmy Fund.

Thank you for your donations!!

AHS Fall Girls' Volleyball Sign-Ups Planned For Aug. 23rd

Sign-ups for the fall girls' volleyball program will be held August 23rd at 9:00 a.m. in the gymnasium at Agawam High School.

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WINNERS OF THE "CLOSEST TO THE PIN" CONTEST at the Lisa Ziegert Memorial Golf Tournament were Charlie Gable and Gil Herbert. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.

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Mike Loomer, Mike Pellegrino, and Joe Modzelewski. Second Place team was J. Cleavall (captain), M. Cleavall, B. Netkovick, and D. Szablan. Third Place team was P. Maynard (captain), C. Johnson, V. Stork, and M. Day.

Dee Ziegert spoke on behalf of the Ziegert family and the committee, thanking everyone for participating in the annual event, which helps to keep Lisa Ziegert's memory alive and contributes to so many worthy purposes in the community.

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hurdles in 16.79 seconds. Cassidy was the leading scorer for the AHS girls' track team this past spring. She will be a junior in September.

Angela Buendo performed in the 12-14 Junior Division and was a second place medalist in the 100 meter race. She also placed second in the 200 meter dash. Buendo was part of a talented group of freshmen who helped the Brownies to fifth place in Division I Western Mass. She will be a sophomore in September.

Anna Farrantino was the third Brownie at the Bay State Summer Games, and she placed fifth in the discus. Farrantino will be a junior in September.

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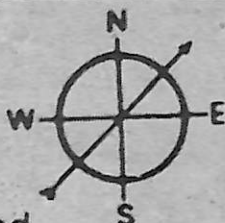
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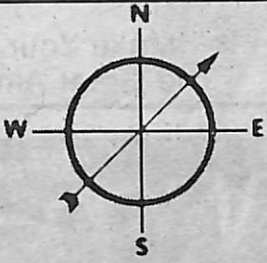
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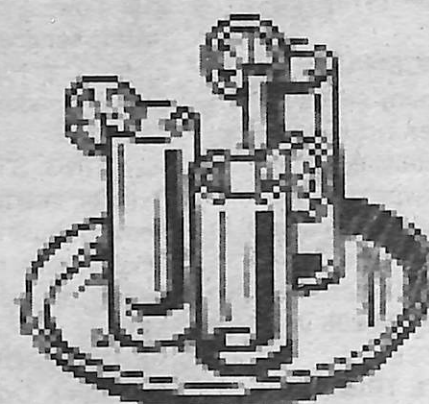
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